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TEXT OF GOVERNMENT DECLARATION ON U.S. CHEMICAL WEAPONS

BK120119 Kabul in English to South Asia 1530 GMT 11 Apr 80 BK

[Text of the Afghan Government declaration, read by Minister of Information and Culture 'Abdol-Majid at a press conference on 10 April--recorded]

[Text] American and British imperialists, Chinese hegemonists and their flunkies are unceasingly carrying on their undeclared war against the people of Afghanistan using the bases in the immediate neighborhood of the country. These forces now (?rallied) around the reactionary axis are resorting to any attempt for disrupting the normal peaceful life of our countrymen. They shamelessly embark on any intriguing methods to perpetuate their wicked aims and never renounced them, committing unrepentent acts of destruction that is denounced by the United Nations and all democratic countries.

The Democratic Republic of Afghanistan brings to the attention of all Muslim people of Afthanistan, all states and nations and the entire national and progressive forces of the world that--a fact, a reality evident in the course of the recent events--the subversive bands used in their fight against the democratic Afghanistan, the country which is an independent member of the United Nations and a member of the non-alined movement, lethal chemical weapons.

On March 25th this year in the province of Herat, a military security patrol of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan collided with a subversive band which had infiltrated the country from the outside. After wiping out the band they captured arms and weapons which were recognized as poisonous American-made chemical grenades, the lethal effects of which last for long time undoubtedly.

The Democratic Republic of Afghanistan Government possesses irrefutable proof that shows that such grenades had been handed over to the subversive bands from the outside of the country. The Government of Afghanistan expresses readiness to investigate and examine along with competent international authorities the use and the function of these American-made grenades to show how these exploited mercenaries use them against a peaceful population.

The Government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan deems it necessary to remind that in spite of international protest these chemical weapons were used by the United States of America in the criminal war waged against Vietnam to eliminate civilian population and to inflict serious damages to the environment.

It is known it is not incidental that a few days ago the United States mass media, which is under strict control of the CIA and Pentagon, voiced out hues and cries about the use of poisoning products by the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan forces against subversive bands.

American and some West European press media even went further by saying that the military contingents of the Soviet troops [words indistinct] by the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan in accordance with international law and the United Nations Charter have used chemical weapons against the Afghan civilian population. [Words indistinct] of recent events and acts.

The Government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan expresses its deep indignation (?and wrath) over the training and organizing of these mercenary (?groups) and resolutely protests against the infiltration of armed bandits with chemical weapons, which is done with the help of international imperialism in [words indistinct] of the civilian population.

The Government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan draws the attention of all neighboring countries that put their soil at the disposal of mercenaries and subversive bands that they take the full responsibility of allowing American espionage organizations to operate chemical weapons by using their soil.

The Government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan calls on all the democratic states, national and progressive movements and the entire world community to condemn the criminal and (?barbarous) imperialist activities and prevent them from their aggressive plans and intrigues against Afghanistan.

SOVIET ENVOY, PDPA OFFICIALS ATTEND ARTS EXHIBITION

LD122334 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 12 Apr 80 LD

[Text] A joint exhibition of Afghan and Soviet artists' works was opened today by Dr Anahita Ratebzad, member of the Politburo of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan [PDPA], Central Committee member of the Revolutionary Council, minister of education and training and chairman of the Afghan-USSR friendship committee, in the library of Kabul University.

Members of the PDPA Central Committee, the Revolutionary Council, the Council of Ministers, the Soviet ambassador and members of the USSR Embassy in Kabul, ambassadors and charge d'affaires of friendly countries in Kabul, members of the Afghan-USSR friendship committee and a number of Afghan and Soviet artists took part in the opening ceremony held on the occasion of the 110th anniversary of the birth of Vladimir Ilich Lenin, the founder of the world's first socialist country.

The ceremony was opened by the playing of the Afghan and Soviet national anthems. The rector of Kabul University, on behalf of the Kabul University officials, then welcomed the participants in the art ceremony. Gol Dad, the minister of higher education and vice chairman of the Afghan-USSR friendship committee, made a statement praising the friendly and good relations between the two friendly and brotherly countries of Afghanistan and the USSR.

The USSR ambassador in Kabul, Fikryat Tabeyev, gave a speech. Concerning the friendly and unbreakable relations between Afghanistan and the USSR, he said: There is no doubt that the organization of the exhibition of the work of Soviet and Afghan painters has a new role in strengthening the friendly relations between the USSR and Afghanistan. It is pleasing that this exhibition has been organized on the occasion of the 110th birthday of the world proletariat leader, the founder of the CPSU and the founder of the Soviet state, the founder of the friendly relations between Afghanistan and USSR and the big friend of the (?people of Afghanistan), Vladimir Ilich Lenin.

This exhibition, which will be open every day for 2 weeks from 0700 to 1800, includes 275 artistic paintings, drawings, sculptures and (?menatoric) impressions. Approximately 200 [as heard] of these impressions are the work of Afghani artists and the remaining of Soviet artists.

DELEGATION LEAVES FOR MOSCOW TO ATTEND WORLD BANK SESSION

GF131550 Kabul in Urdu to South Asia 1330 GMT 13 Apr 80 GF

[Text] Deputy Finance Minister Fazlol Haq Falaqyar left for the Soviet Union today at the head of a delegation to attend the annual session of the World Bank, which opens in Moscow on 15 April.

KARMAL RECEIVES REPLY MESSAGE FROM IRAN'S BANI-SADR

GF121500 Kabul in Urdu to South Asia 1330 GMT 12 Apr 80 GF

[Text] The Foreign Ministry's Information Department has reported that Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan Central Committee, head of the Revolutionary Council and prime minister of the Democratic Party of Afghanistan, has received a reply message from Abolhasan Bani-Sadr, president of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The president of the Islamic Republic of Iran thanked Babrak Karmal for his congratulatory message on the eve of the first anniversary of the creation of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Now Ruz. He expressed his best wishes for peace and prosperity in the fraternal Afghan nation.

DEPUTY PREMIER RECEIVES VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR

LD122324 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 12 Apr 80 LD

[Text] According to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Information Department, Asadollah Sarwari, member of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan Politburo and the Presidium of the Revolutionary Council, vice president of the Revolutionary Council and deputy prime minister, received the ambassador of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam at the Prime Ministry in Kabul hall for a courtesy call.

Receives Bulgarian Ambassador

LD111830 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 11 Apr 80 LD

[Text] The Information Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs reports that Asadollah Sarwari, member of the People's Democratic Republic of Afghanistan Central Committee Politburo, member of the Revolutionary Council Presidium, vice president of the Revolutionary Council and deputy prime minister, yesterday received Stoyan Radoslavov, ambassador of the People's Republic of Bulgaria, at the Prime Ministry for a courtesy call.

KABUL REPORTS ON FOREIGN MINISTER'S MIDEAST TOUR

Syria Arrival; 'Arafat Meeting

LD112002 Kabul in Dari to Europe 1730 GMT 11 Apr 80 LD

[Text] Shah Mohammad Dost, foreign minister of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan [DRA], arrived in Damascus yesterday. Shah Mohammad Dost said to the Syrian reporters on his arrival in Damascus that in the course of his discussions with Syrian leaders, he will talk about the cooperation between the DRA and Syria, which enjoy friendship and sincerity. He expressed his assurance that his visit to Syria will play a positive role in the strengthening of relations between the two countries. Shah Mohammad Dost said that the DRA and Syria have cooperated in different international gatherings and the stands of the two countries in most international matters are in agreement. He said that this fact has made possible the continuation of friendship between the people and the governments of the DRA and Syria. Shah Mohammad Dost pointed out that he has been entrusted with presenting a message from Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the Central Committee of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan [PDRA], chairman of the Revolutionary Council and prime minister of the DRA, to Hafiz al-Asad, president of Syria.

According to another report, DRA Foreign Minister Shah Mohammad Dost yesterday visited Beirut and was welcomed by a number of prominent personalities of the PLO. The foreign minister took part immediately in a press conference in Beirut and answered journalists' questions. Also, during a meeting last night Foreign Minister Shah Mohammad Dost handed a friendly and comradely message from Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee, chairman of the Revolutionary Council and prime minister of the DRA, to Yasir 'Arafat, the PLO leader. At this meeting, in addition to the Afghan delegation members, a number of the members of the PLO Executive Committee were also present. During this meeting, the DRA foreign minister and the PLO leader, in the course of an all-round analysis of the relations and friendship between Afghanistan and that organization, sincere and comradely discussions took place, following which Shah Mohammad Dost took part in a reception organized in his honor by Yasir 'Arafat. During the meeting, in addition to the delegation accompanying the DRA foreign minister, a number of prominent members of the PLO were present.

Meeting With Syrian President

GF121750 Kabul International Service in Arabic 1700 GMT 12 Apr 80 GF

[Text] A message from Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan Central Committee, head of the Revolutionary Council and prime minister of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan [DRA], was conveyed to Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad yesterday by DRA Foreign Minister Shah Mohammad Dost.

During his meeting with Hafiz al-Asad, Foreign Minister Dost informed him of developments in Afghanistan. Dost praised Syria's stand at various international meetings. He expressed his gratitude to the Syrian people and leadership for their support for the noble Sawr Revolution.

Hafiz al-Asad declared: Syria will continue its decisive support for the Afghan revolution. He added: The United States will not shrink from doing anything to Afghanistan in order to achieve its ill-fated goals. Hafiz al-Asad warned that the kindling of sectarian differences in Muslim countries is a dirty trick being exploited by imperialists, Zionists and reactionaries. At the end of the meeting, Hafiz al-Asad asked Shah Mohammad Dost to convey his good wishes to Babrak Karmal and the friendly Afghan people.

Baghdad Visit

ID131712 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1430 GMT 13 Apr 80 ID

[Text] A message from Babrak Karmal to Saddam Husayn was presented to him by the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan [DRA] minister of foreign affairs. The Information Department of the Foreign Ministry reports that Foreign Minister Shah Mohammad Dost presented a message of friendship from Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan Central Committee, president of the Revolutionary Council and prime minister of the DRA, to his excellency Saddam Husayn, president of the Republic of Iraq, at a meeting in Baghdad yesterday.

The DRA foreign minister, who is on a tour of friendly official visits to a number of Arab countries, recently visited Baghdad, the capital of Iraq.

According to another report, Shah Mohammad Dost met with Saddam Husayn again today. At this meeting they held talks on matters of interest between the DRA and the Republic of Iraq.

SOVIET, ARMY TROOPS MOVEMENTS IN KONARHA PROVINCE REPORTED

BK111541 Hong Kong AFP in English 1352 GMT 11 Apr 80 BK

[By Alain Paudeux]

[Text] Konarha, east Afghanistan, 11 Apr (AFP)--Soviet forces are still too occupied elsewhere to bother yet about bringing this part of Konarha Province under their control.

In this wide and densely populated area east of the river Konar this correspondent was able to cover some 30 kilometres along the river bank by night without seeing any Soviet or Afghan troops.

On the other side of the Konar the Afghan forces were content to fire flares over the 300 metre wide river to dissuade attempts to cross while a few machine-gun bursts and shells were fired at rebels coming down from the Hindu Kush to snipe at the government positions.

Although they are suffering no significant losses in the area, the Soviets go no further than protecting the road between the important garrisons of Jalalabad and Asmar. Convoys of armoured vehicles and trucks pass but local people say that Asmar is still mainly supplied by helicopter, with five or six machines taking off from Jalalabad every morning and carrying out reconnaissance missions on their return later.

In the prosperous communities of the Konar east bank, surrounded by fields of corn and poppies, life is virtually normal although traffic is practically nil on the roads between them during the day.

At night, on the other hand, columns of refugees from the mountains where the fighting is going on meet rebel units heading south to cross the river on boats or rafts made from inflated leather skins.

The rebels are helped all along the way by their compatriots but they avoid stopping in the villages by the river where they say the communist militia has informers. Their weapons are the same as ever: rifles, including captured Kalashnikovs, but they claimed that they had taken several hundred personal automatic weapons from their enemies as well as two heavy machine guns.

The tenuous and fragile situation between the two river banks perhaps reflects the hesitation of the Soviet command about venturing a further step forward in their intervention process. Despite a crushing material superiority Moscow would still need large reinforcements for a systematic occupation of the countryside, provoking new flows of refugees to Pakistan and a bitter resistance from these Pashtu farmers, most of whom possess one or more military weapons in their fortress-like homes surrounded by high walls.

Several local tribal chiefs told this correspondent they would not allow invaders in and predicted that the villages would rise at the slightest move over the river.

But there are no signs of an imminent offensive and the Soviets seem at least to be pretending to ignore local hostility to concentrate on the rebel sanctuaries of Kama, Dewagal and Barikot further up and down the valley.

100 SENIOR ARMY OFFICERS REPORTEDLY ARRESTED

BK140830 Hong Kong AFP in English 0816 GMT 14 Apr 80 BK

[Text] Islamabad, 14 Apr (AFP)--One hundred senior Afghan Army officers accused of opposing the Babrak Karmal regime have been cashiered and some have been arrested and taken to an unknown destination, the PAKISTAN TIMES said today.

Quoting Afghan sources from within Afghanistan, the paper said the officers were convicted of anti-governmental activity.

Some officers were put through interrogations with family members and later fled to Pakistan or Iran for fear of being tortured in special prison wings in Kabul, the paper reported.

Refugees from the Afghan capital arriving in Peshawar, Pakistan, meanwhile claimed that numerous officials including directors of certain ministries quit their jobs to join the Moslem rebellion against the Soviet-backed Kabul regime.

Obligatory military conscription also appeared beset by problems in Afghanistan, although call-up age was lowered to 18 to supplement a force decimated by desertions and a spate of purges ordered by successive regimes.

For the first time, Kabul Radio warned yesterday that military courts would hand down sentences to anyone eligible for conscription who did not sign up.

The radio promised pay packets of 2,000 afghanis (50 dollars) to conscripts signing up for two years, rising to 3,000 afghanis (75 dollars) on three months' seniority. It also appealed to students finishing secondary education to sign up.

Army strength has been so depleted that troops are frequently placed under the direct command of Soviets, sources said.

Two soldiers who deserted to join the rebel movement Hezb-e Eslami told newsmen that their regiment in northern Konarha no longer had any officers. Even its commanding officer had disappeared, they said.

The Jami'at-e Eslami organisation claimed that Muslim Mojahedin fighters knocked out a convoy of Soviet tanks 10 days ago by placing explosives mountain coal mines, setting off a huge avalance which buried the tanks.

The avalanche blocked a river and the nearby village of Darai Souf, in Samangan Province was threatened with flooding, Jam'iat Eslami said.

Fighting was aslo raging on in Konarha Province's Badil Valley where Soviet troops have shelled and razed seven villages, according to Hezb-e Eslami.

(In East Germany, the official news agency ADN said 10 "Afghan patriots" have been undergoing treatment in a hospital near Frankfurt since February for serious injuries received while fighting the "counterrevolution" in Afghanistan.

ARMY OFFERS BONUSES FOR REENLISTMENTS

LD122004 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 12 Apr 80 LD

[Text] In the name of God the merciful, the compassionate [words indistinct] pointing to the designs of imperialism, the United States, Britain, China, Pakistan, Egypt and Israel and asking people to come forward and serve in the armed forces.

All subjects of Afghanistan who have reached the age of army service are asked to come forward to serve under the flag. They should sincerely and valiantly (?word for a just society). [passage indistinct] Those who try to avoid military service will be punished according to military law. Dear compatriots [words indistinct] those who remain in the army for 3 months following the completion of 2 years of honorable service will be given a bonus of 2,000 afghanis. After 3 months, they will be given a salary of 3,000 afghanis. for another year of service. At the end of this year they will be given a month's salary as a bonus. [passage indistinct]

POLICE EMPLOYMENT OFFERED TO VETERANS

LD121950 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 12 Apr 80 LD

[Text] An announcement by the general commandant of police of the Ministry of the Interior:

The police force of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan [DRA] has valiantly and heroically defended its sacred homeland and has struck a crushing blow at the sworn enemies of the country--international imperialism led by U.S. imperialism, Chinese chauvinism and regional reaction--and will be proud of this forever.

In order to fulfill this great desire and to achieve the strengthening of the police force and its development toward the crushing of internal and external enemies, and in order to completely eliminate our enemies, a decision has been made that those high school graduates who have not served in the armed forces and who have not yet been conscripted may present themselves voluntarily to the armed forces and obtain a release after 6 months.

Also, those NCO's and soldiers who have already served in the armed forces for 2 years and who possess their release papers will be accepted in the police force with a monthly salary of 3,000 afghanis, in addition to clothing, food and free medical treatment based on a 1-year voluntary contract. At the end of 1 year they will receive a year's salary as a bonus.

Therefore, all those who wish to serve in the police force should come to the (?identification) department of the general commandant of police of the Ministry of the Interior and in the provinces to the commandants of police.

GOVERNMENT TO OFFER MILITARY COURSES TO STUDENTS

LD122030 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 12 Apr 80 LD

[Text] Announcement of the department of education and training of the Ministry of Defense: Pupils of the 11th and 12th grades and university students from Kabul and the provinces who wish to be admitted to intensive military courses [word indistinct] and who are 18-25 years old, should come to the department of technical services of [word indistinct] with their education documents and other legal documents beginning on 14 April.

5,000 PEOPLE RETURN TO HOMES IN GHOWR PROVINCE

GF131800 Kabul International Service in Arabic 1700 GMT 13 Apr 80 GF

[Excerpt] As part of the continual return of families who left their homes as a result of the injustices of the criminal Amin, more than 5,000 inhabitants of the (Kiwara) district in Ghowr Province returned to their homes yesterday full of joy and happiness. They have resumed their normal activities.

On this occasion, a great and happy meeting was held at the district's school. A number of the repatriates delivered speeches in which they declared: We know from experience who our friends and enemies are. Therefore, we sincerely want to serve our revolutionary state and defend our homeland and the goals of the noble Sawr Revolution.

They have given 500 rifles to the district's security officials and have declared their readiness to cooperate with their revolutionary state.

400 FAMILIES RETURN TO NANGARHAR PROVINCE

GF121810 Kabul International Service in Arabic 1700 GMT 12 Apr 80 GF

[Text] In view of the fact that our toiling masses have growing confidence in their revolutionary and progressive government, some 400 families from Khas Kamah district in Nangarhar, who were forced to flee their homes as a result of the tyranny and oppression of the butcher Hafizollah Amin and his criminal gang, returned to their district yesterday. They expressed their patriotic sentiments and have resumed their normal activities with joy and satisfaction.

KARMAL CHAIRS PDPA CENTRAL COMMITTEE PLENUM

LD131831 Kabul in Dari to Europe 1730 GMT 13 Apr 80 LD

[Text] The first and second meetings of the second historic, grand and constructive session of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan [PDPA] Central Committee after the new stage of the development of the Sawr Revolution were held today in a climate imbued with sincerity and unity at the revolutionary headquarters under the chairmanship of Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee, for the sake of defending the achievements of the victorious Sawr Revolution, democracy, peace and freedom.

The first meeting of the plenum, which continued from 1000 until 1330, was opened with a speech by Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee. Later Babrak Karmal presented a report to the plenum.

At this session, the DRA constitution which was proposed by the Politburo of the PDPA Central Committee and the Council of Ministers was unanimously ratified after consideration and was sent to the Revolutionary Council for final approval.

The DRA constitution has respect for the sacred religion of Islam, the national customs and traditions, the extensive rights and liberties of the people and the realization of democracy.

At the second historic grand and constructive plenary of the PDPA Central Committee, which continued from 430 to 1630, the charter of the PDPA was ratified and a series of other resolutions concerning the internal procedures of the party were adopted.

At the morning and afternoon sessions of the plenum, the Politburo members and some members of the PDPA Central Committee made speeches in connection with the topics under discussion.

KARMAL REPORTEDLY FACING OPPOSITION WITHIN PARTY

BK140858 Hong Kong AFP in English 0858 GMT 14 Apr 80 BK

[Text] New Delhi, 14 Apr (AFP)--Afghan President Babrak Karmal is facing mounting opposition within his ruling People's Democratic Party to his liberal and conciliatory policies towards the Muslim clergy and other sections of the Afghan society, according to press reports reaching here today from Kabul.

The Indian news agency, PTI, reported that a Khalq group, led by Deputy Prime Minister and strongman Asadollah Sarwari, had differed with Mr Karmal and his dominant Parcham followers and was opting for strong measures, like those adopted by former President Hafizollah Amin, to remedy the political and military situation in the country.

The differences were said to have increased since the February uprising in Kabul and other cities against the Soviet military presence.

The differences between the two factions had also touched other policy issues like the national flag and the national anthem, the agency said.

PTI said that after Mr. Karmal took over, the Parcham faction, which was lying low during the Amin regime, was seen as the dominant partner both in the party and government. In the government the more important ministries, including finance, defence and education, were headed by supporters of Mr Karmal, it added.

But, the agency said, Mr Karmal's efforts to consolidate the party and government were not meeting with any measure of success because of the continued Russian military presence.

"Not one section of the people appear reconciled to their presence and expression of hostility against the Russians is freely given to by Afghans of all walks of life, including government servants," the PTI correspondent said.

The agency added that there were sections in both the Khalq and Parcham factions which were "uneasy" about the indefinite stay of the Soviets.

The Russians seemed to be aware of these divisions in the ruling party and were watching the situation closely, it said.

Diplomatic circles in New Delhi recalled that Mr Karmal himself had never hidden his dislike for Mr Sarwari in his private conversations with foreign envoys.

But Mr Sarwari is among the most trusted of the pro-Russian Afghan leaders and he is bound to have the Soviet backing in any eventual showdown with Mr Karmal, according to these sources.

BRIEFS

NANGARHAR WORKERS UNION--Based on the lofty aims of the new stage in the development of the Sawr Revolution, the Nangarhar Workers Union was formed and was recently inaugurated at a ceremony held at the teachers training institute of that province. The governor of Nangarhar congratulated the union of all the workers of Nangarhar Province and described the great and worthy role of the working class in the socioeconomic development of our country. Later the president of the Nangarhar Workers Union spoke on the role of our hard-working unions and workers in the construction of a flourishing society in Afghanistan and said: This union has (?6,000) members at present. [Excerpt] [Kabul in Dari to Europe 1730 GMT 13 Apr 80 LD]

UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT MADE ON INDIRA GANDHI'S LIFE

BK140841 Hong Kong AFP in English 0840 GMT 14 Apr 80 BK

[Text] New Delhi, 14 Apr (AFP)--An unsuccessful attempt was made on the life of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi here today, PTI news agency reported. Mrs Gandhi had a miraculous escape when a spring knife with four inch blade was thrown at her. The knife hit one of the security inspectors. The alleged thrower, Mr Chang Bal Lalwani, from Baroda, in western Gujarat, was overpowered by the police and the security staff of the prime minister. The incident occurred when the prime minister was leaving after garlanding the statue of Dr B.R. Amedkar in Parliament House on the occasion of his 80th birth anniversary celebrations.

MRS GANDHI CELEBRATES DR AMBEDKAR ANNIVERSARY

BK140900 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 14 Apr 80 BK

[Excerpts] The 89th birth anniversary of Dr Ambedkar [father of Indian Constitution] is being celebrated today. In New Delhi, rich tribut s were paid to Dr Ambedkar at a function.

Speaking on the occasion, the prime minister said Dr Ambedkar was a paramount leader of Harijans and other distressed classes who played a vital role in bringing about and wareness of their rights and their dignity. Mrs Gandhi said that no country can become strong where the poor and downtrodden are not protected.

At the request of the audience, Mrs Gandhi agreed to declare a public holiday today. A similar announcement was later made by the Home Ministry declaring a holiday today in all central government offices on account of the birth anniversary of Dr Ambedkar.

Inaugurates Army Commanders Conference

BK140901 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 14 Apr 80 BK

[Text] Prime Minister Mrs Indira Gandhi inaugurated the 5-day army commanders conference in New Delhi today. The conference is presided over by Chief of Army Staff General O.P. Malhotra.

PAKISTANI ENVOY COMMENTS ON MISSING INDIAN SERVICEMEN

BK111623 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 11 Apr 80 BK

[Text] Pakistan's Ambassador to India Abdul Sattar has said that Islambad is not able to confirm custody of the 39 Indian servicemen reportedly missing since the 1971 war.

In a letter to Janata Party President Chandra Shekhar, Sattar said that if any Indian serviceman is traced in Pakistan, he will be repatriated immediately. So far both governments had failed to confirm the custody of any missing person, he added.

TARAPUR ATOMIC POWERPLANT RESUMES OPERATION

BK140907 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0730 GMT 14 Apr 80 BK

[Text] Unit number one of the Tarapur atomic power station went into production today. The unit was shut down in December last year for refueling and routine maintenance. With both the units of the power station now in full operation Tarapur has resumed supply of power to Maharashtra and Gujarat grids.

11 APR DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING U.S. RELATIONS, HOSTAGES

Bani-Sadr Address To Unity March

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[Speech by President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr from the unity march and meeting at Tehran University--live]

[Text] In the name of God the compassionate, the merciful. A salute to the Muslim nation of Iran which has answered the summons and turned today into a unity day and the inception of the new phase of independence struggle. A salute to the soldiers, NCO's, officers and all the armed forces serving the nation, who with the utmost celerity made themselves ready to confront any situation which might endanger our independence.

In this brief time I will talk a little on the readiness of the armed forces, a little on the economic situation of the country and the need for hard work and endeavor by the nation and a little on the international political situation.

Concerning the readiness of our armed forces, I would say that there have been some times in our country's history when those times have been turned into centuries by our nation. [as heard] The children of your country, your brother guards and your military brothers have now prepared themselves by such efforts to defend their Muslim homeland and the gains of our great Islamic revolution, which is in itself one of the great wonders of our time.

Before the time when the country was preparing itself to deal with the recent situation, it used to be said that our navy had a limited fighting capability. Today, as a result of our young people's efforts, our navy has achieved total military readiness to meet any situation. In the past it used to be said that there was not sufficient order and discipline in the air force. In the last few days your children and brothers in the air force have acted with such dedication and enthusiasm that their attitude has been one of the reasons why the Iraqis have calmed down. Those people who imagined that as a result of their bombast and bullying borders will open before them now see that the children of Iran have erected a steel wall before every aggressor.

Our ground forces which, of course, had a greater degree of readiness than the air force and the navy, now has total readiness, a hundred times better than ever, to protect the borders of the Islamic country. The guards of our Islamic revolution who have always made use of such times to demonstrate their Islamic and revolutionary faith, are now ready to sacrifice their lives in the first line of the front which the enemy wishes to create against us.

I would say that if the Iraqi Government dares to take one step forward we will not stop at the level of punishment alone. [shouts of "God is great!"] I have such confidence, hope and trust in our armed forces' readiness that I am certain that even if we want to contain the children of Islam and Iran at the borders they will not stop there. They regard it as their duty to pursue the enemy and will definitely pursue the aggressive enemy within its own borders. [shouts of "God is great"]

The nation of Iraq, our fraternal nation, under the jackboots of Red fascists, are seeking an opportunity to rise against a puppet satan [taghut]. What better opportunity for us to make use of the present situation against the forces of an aggressive government which has had no excuse for what it has done against our revolution in the last year? We will certainly make use of this opportunity. [shouts of "God is great"]

The Iran of today is the Iran of a society which after many centuries of emasculation has once again experienced the throbbings of life. It welcomes all that the enemies of this nation create for it, because our national life is dependent upon the victory of the battle which our enemies have unjustly imposed upon us.

In addition to the readiness of our armed forces, we can witness today the readiness of the people themselves who, in fact, are all part of our country's armed forces in defense of Iran's independence and existence. In every part of our country today the will of a nation which has risen and which is fully determined to remove decisively the obstacles which have been placed in the way of its progressive life is being manifested. [shouts of "God is great"] In every part of Iran millions of men and women have today made a positive response to their leaders call, and throughout the country they have announced that our country is not going to tolerate as in the past regimes which are the lackeys of superpowers. This nation wishes to be independent and is prepared to pay the price for its independence. [shouts of "God is great"]

Our economic situation is as I will tell you now. Some say that as in the past during the former regime there has been total censorship and since such matters were not discussed with the people they do not have a ready mind to understand economic problems. However, I am confident that the intelligence and awareness of a revolutionary generation is limitless, that the present generation is capable of understanding the problems and that we can discuss with them what has to be done.

To be frank with you, I would say that if we do not change our current budget into a development budget we will face insoluble economic difficulties. What I mean is that we have plenty of foreign exchange. Our foreign deposits are extremely high, even if we make changes in our fiscal policy. It means that if we want to use our deposits for purchases and bring factories and such like to the country, and even if we assume that the enemy will prevent even one drop of our oil being exported, we will certainly not face any difficulty in the current year--from the viewpoint of our imports.

However, within the country our capability is not the same. Our budget for current expenditure, that is, our administrative and daily expenses, equals all our foreign earnings. We should be able to change this current budget, which will definitely cause inflation, to productive expenditure that is, expenditure which is used for the sake of agriculture or industry and which will achieve an increase in production. If we were able to achieve this miracle, if we were able to change our current expenditure to productive expenditure, that is, if we can use the money which we have set aside for production, industry or agriculture, if we can spend it all, if it is not like last year when we were unable to spend it all, if this year with the participation of workers and farmers and other strata of society we are able to spend the money which has to be spent on development projects and even to divert some of our current budget to development projects, then we will have been able to achieve that miracle whose important outcome is the economic independence of Iran.

I hope that you people, you who have gathered here, you who carried out the revolution and become successful, if you people believe that you have a role to play in the world and wish to release the world from the order of the superpowers, you are able to do this and will do it. [shouts of "God is great"]

Now is the time for a revolution inside the administrative and military cadres and all those whose income is earned through administrative jobs and through services. They should make ready for this great revolution. They should leave their offices in the ministries. With the immense budget which is at the disposal of the government they should leave for factories and farms. Throughout the country they should replace what they are doing in the ministries and offices, with productive activities, so that our country may become successful in its basic struggle in which it is engaged against hegemonistic America and against all those who wish to dominate the world. Now it is your turn, my brothers and sisters. It is your turn to go to the farms and factories, increase domestic production by your labor and revive and resuscitate our dead economy.

My hope is that you, like the rest of the great Iranian nation, will accept my call [shouts of "God is great"] and that throughout the country you will volunteer for productive activities so that our country may make proper use of your ability and so that an independent Iran may become a reality. Our political independence should definitely be augmented by our economic and cultural independence. Now that the enemy has created the background and the need for this struggle, you should enter this arena with all your being and wholeheartedly and, by the will of God, become victorious on this front. [shouts of "God is great"]

Last night when we were studying the budget in the joint session of the Council of Ministers and the Revolution Council, Engineer Sahabi, minister of state for planning and budget, asked the governors general and also myself not to make too many promises. He said: You will go and make promises and then the people will think that we have great capability. Then they come to the plan organization saying: Where are the things you promised? Our capability is limited. Our budget has a massive deficit.

If you wish to know the truth, this is what I am telling you. We should convert our money into certain commodities, import those commodities into Iran, sell them and earn a budget. In fact, all that we have is in foreign exchange. It is like someone who is sitting on a treasure but who has no bread. He should convert this treasure into bread. Otherwise he will die of hunger. This is the state we are in. This is the truth.

I told Sahabi: No, it is not true what you say. I have made no promise to the people. All that I have told the people has been the truth, and I am repeating the same thing now. I said that in order to remove the effects of the former regime and correct the damage which they have done to our economy all of us should work day and night for 20 years.

I have repeatedly said this, and I say it once more: Our banks have plenty of money, our government has plenty of foreign currency; but if you do not work neither can we use that money which we were unable to spend last year, nor will we be able to extricate ourselves from foreign economic domination. And so the key to the whole issue is in the hands of you people. God willing, if you work, you will have money and you will also be able to transform this money into productivity. If we were able to perform this miracle, of course, the situation will change and all the promises will be fulfilled.

I have always said this and now I take you as my witnesses and repeat it: If we work we have many possibilities, but if we do not work it is as though we possess a useless treasure. And so, if you do not wish your treasure to be used by others, if you do not wish your foreign currency to be used by other people and, instead, you keep saying that we have no work, other people will make use of it and eventually economic problems and inflation will defeat us.

Many people come and say: Well, when there are so many people who come and say: we have no work, we want work, why don't you give them work to do? If you say you have all this money, why don't you provide work for them? Yes, this is a proper question. We claim that our banks have money and also that we have plenty of foreign currency; but we should spend our foreign currency on importing machinery and then work with this machinery. This is what we should do. We should not import rubbish, we should import machinery. Well, those of you who say you want to have work, those who are unemployed and looking for work, should know that they should be looking for productive work. Even if they wish to have office work, there is no work to give them.

And so it becomes clear that you should not ask for office jobs. First of all, I am telling the office workers to leave their jobs and go for productive work. If you again come and ask for an office job, it means that again you would be paid and no productive work would be done and again we would be dependent upon foreign countries. In our present situation it is possible that we may not be able to import from abroad. And so we will be defeated. We are in a war situation and should move toward production.

Thus we gave the governors general the authority that they wanted. Of course, it does not mean that you should rush to them now. They should first receive authority, receive the money, which may take about a month. Then they should try to create employment for the people through productive means. Throughout the country we should use all the capacity that we have in the form of land to convert it into farms, we should use all our water resources to irrigate these farms and, God willing, bring all of the farms into production. We can do this and, God willing, will do so.

However, in order to achieve this in the war situation confronting us, our people should have complete trust in their leadership. They should do all that the leadership asks them to do. If the people do not obey their governor, their governor general, or another responsible official, a minister or--only yesterday the minister of industry was saying that in some places some people prevent work from being done. [sentence as heard] I told him: go to the people. Whenever you see that certain individuals do not permit work to be properly done, we have radio, television and newspapers, write two lines saying: I am your minister. In such and such a place they are creating obstacles. Please go there so that we can remove the obstacle with your help. If the people do not come then you can come and complain. [shouts of "God is great!"]

If we lose the people's confidence, you know for certain that we will be unable to achieve anything. We are not infallible. Even the infallible people did nothing by themselves. They, too, used to say that the people themselves should act. As you know , the infallible people had great powers. Had they wished to make use of their divine powers they could have done whatever they wanted to do. However, as the people themselves should be transformed and should act so that they themselves are involved in the issue, this is why our imam preferred to go to the people and discuss the issues with the people themselves, so that the people might become involved.

We now move on--our time is limited and maybe I have no more than 10-15 minutes--we now move on to the foreign situation. Let us see: with whom do we have any differences? It is with his nibs, the United States. Now one should ask Mr Sadaam Husayn: What business have you to meddle in such affairs? Really, you should ask him: What are you doing here in the middle, rising to your feet, bringing pressure to bear, and then saying (?we are) Americans since you have broken relations with (?all)? What relations have you broken? Breaking off diplomatic relations amounts to nothing. Well, the relations which you should break off--you should not dance to the U.S. tune, that is the relation which we want you to break off. As for dancing to its tune, well, you have been doing so from the very first day.

You are fomenting strife in Kordestan, you are doing the same in Khuzestan. You are supplying arms. You are sending in men. You are sending in saboteurs. Why are you doing these things, if your regime is not that of (?Carter)? Let us see, we carried out the revolution and then kicked out an ignorant, murderous and treacherous man, so what are you babbling about here? You must be afraid of your people. If your regime were of the people you would have welcomed this revolution! But as it is, you are not a regime of the people and so you fear this revolution. You are afraid of the Iraqi people carrying out a revolution similar to what we have done and then your nibs would become a wanderer in the world, that is, if you escape with your skin. Yes, you would become a wanderer and then once again another As-Sadat would be found to grant you refuge. It is because you fear such a fate that you embark on such games. Then when you engage in such deeds, my dear wise fellow, these deeds only serve to tell us that the people are not with you. From the fact that you play such games we realize that the Iraqi people are not with you.

Now that we have found you out since the first day, what do you wish to do? Do you expect us to come and sell the Iraqi people to you and to your corrupt regime? It is impossible. We will not sell the Iraqi people.

By the way, he has made several overtures. Yes, several times, whether I was in a position of responsibility or not. At first a general came and said: Yes, Saddam Husayn has seen and delegated me. Then I said: Where did he say this, who said this to you? Saddam then used to send a message daily to our very Ministry of Foreign Affairs, saying: Sir, the Iraqi Government seeks a clarification. So I replied: I am not forced to give a clarification to the Iraqi Government. You yourselves know who sent him. Then he sent us another message, saying: We are ready to resolve our issues with you. We said: We have no issue to be resolved. You have some to foment subversion in our midst. Do not do so. We have nothing to do with you for us to come and talk to you.

Then again, later when I was a minister, a number of Arab ambassadors came along saying: We are ready. But we had nothing to do with these people, though they were ready. Yes, (?he could not come to terms with us so he kept sending people to us). So, we kept saying: We have nothing to say to these people. Well, he foments subversion. Let him desist from doing so. Let them not penetrate our borders and let them not carry out their explosions.

This sort of thing continued until the last time when Yasir 'Arafat came along and said: They say this and that.

We said: Well, fine. This was our only answer. I then added: It is not a tradition among us, easterners, Muslims, that you explode a bomb and then say: We are ready for talks. It is customary for us to display a measure of humanity to begin with and then we will think about it. Then, if you are telling the truth, leave these bombs alone; and if you do then we will all be ready for such talks.

We have accepted in advance that we will go to war, and we have accepted the consequences. [words indistinct] So now do you imagine that a bomb which you explode will knock the senses out of us? No. So now do what you like. We also told him: [words indistinct]. Well, it was you who came in our midst fomenting subversion. Well, do not do so. That was the first thing. Second, we would like to say, sir, we will not sell the Iraqi nation to you. [loud cheers]

Now, in order to demonstrate to you that all these things stem from one source I will give you my own reasoning, as I see it. At the same time when Iraq has come along saying a great danger exists on our borders, but then we have nothing to do with you, you people should know and the world, too, should know that we have nothing to do with the Iraqi Government. If they do not foment subversion we will not even clash with them on the borders--so what is it about? Oh, they wish to say that a great danger is threatening the Arab nation and these gentry who deem themselves the guardians of the Arab nation, send over all the forces they have. In the midst of all this furor his nibs Israel launches an attack on southern Lebanon! So now, Mr Saddam Husayn, the same to you and more! The people of the world know that this is a game you are engaging in. If you have any forces, dispatch them to Lebanon. Let them go to Lebanon. Why have you stationed your forces on our border. [prolonged cheers]

These Phantoms which we have, why should they fly against your nibs' MiGs? And if you are telling the truth then you should take these MiGs of yours to the borders of Israel and we, too, will take our Phantoms there and then let us see whether Israel could be so insolent! Then you must be engaging in a game here.

And suddenly your United States is talking of an economic blockade. The United States has just graced Aden [as heard presumably Oman] with its presence, and it is now stationed there, this U.S. panjandrum. Well, so he has gone there, and the enemy, Israel, is also busy, and you also have become busy on our borders. Then you say to the people: You have not understood. Yes, Mr Saddam Husayn wishes to defend the Arab homeland!

But what is funny is that he has made a speech saying: We are the sons of Qadisiyyah. Well now, tell us how do you relate yourself with Qadisiyyah? How can you, since you have no religion? You have no (?mandate)!

We are the sons of Qadisiyyah. To begin with, I am a Sayyid who is one of the descendents of the Prophet. [loud cheers] Second, in Qadisiyyah the Iranian people welcomed Islam, and what our own army did for the imam, that is, it came over to the imam's side and abandoned satan, is like what the Iranian Army did in those days when it moved over to the side of Islam and left Yazdgird III. Those are the facts. Qadisiyyah is a cause of pride for us and shame for the satans of that era. Just as today, if you put the matter to the test, if your own Iraqi soldiers do not come over to our side, this would prove you right. [prolonged cheers]

If you were to come along and it then became clear that the Iraqi Muslim soldier, faced with the army of Imam Khomeyni [loud cheers and shouts of "God is great!"] made a stand and did not himself join the army of the imam, if the Iraqi nation did not turn its back on your army, if that very army did not turn its back on you, then you are telling the truth. But we are certain that if the Iraqi nation does not soon topple this subservient regime which since the day of its inception has weakened and continues to weaken the front of the Muslim nation vis-a-vis Israel, a regime which ever since its emergence has been obstacle to the growth of revolutionary movements in the region, then this would prove that you are the son of Qadisiyyah. But we will see that the nation of Islam, the son of Qadisiyyah, will topple you. [loud cheers]

On the world scale, however, although the two superpowers believe that the arena is their arena, this is not so. Our revolution has succeeded in achieving a fundamental change in the thoughts and actions of the Muslim people of the world. No army today, while it does not rely on its people, can accomplish any deed. And we, the Muslim nations, should above all free ourselves from subservient regimes and then go to war against a cancer which has been created in the heart of the Muslim nations by the superpowers in the shape of the State of Israel. We should extirpate this cancer, eradicate it and destroy it. [loud cheers] I am confident that no Arab soldier will take up arms against a nation which is ready to wage war for the liberty of Palestine on the side of the Muslim nations and in the forefront of the Muslim nations. [loud cheers and shouts of "God is great"].

Some people have said that my policy is to throw the two superpowers off the stage and replace them with Japan and Europe. Let me tell them that such talks is either a result of ignorance or, God forbid, a result of the incitements of the same superpowers. Why? Because, first of all, Europe and Japan do not possess the capability of becoming superpowers. At the moment they are under U.S. domination. Their people are ready to find an opportunity to emerge from their domination. Their governments are governments which were elected because they always promised their people: As we are in power, as we rule, you can obtain money and orders from Saudi Arabia and the Iran of the former regime. Without us these regimes will not give you this kind of wealth and such orders. If the leftwing comes to power, these regimes will not be prepared to give such money and our economy will be ruined. And so [Iran and Saudi Arabia] were means for the rightists to rule there in Europe. What I am saying is that today we are able to tell those people of Europe that their leaders are lying to them. Not only shall we not give orders to the governments which wish to attach themselves to America, we will give them nothing at all. [shouts of "God is great!"]

If we widen our horizons and if we open our eyes a little more, we will be able to transform Europe also. We have this ability. All of you have heard that when our Prophet was digging a moat around Medina his axe hit a rock and caused a spark. He said: This spark indicates the fall of Rome. He hit the stone once more and another spark appeared. He said: This spark is the sign of the fall of Iran. Some people did not believe him. They began to laugh, saying that now we are weak in the face of a few merchants yet he is dreaming about the fall of emperors. But what he said came to pass, and history bears witness to the fact that our Prophet told the truth.

You should know that today, too, we will be able to topple empires. [shouts of "God is great!"] The time for the fulfillment of God's promise has arrived. I do not want to substitute America [as heard, presumably Europe] and Japan for the superpowers. I want to extricate the European nations who are ready from the domination of the superpowers and to submit the revolutionary Islamic pattern to humanity as the means of salvation in a world in which the order of the superpowers has been destroyed.

May God grant you success in this great venture and may He bestow permanence on this unity which has been established throughout our country. God willing, may you be successful.

Khamene'i on U.S. Military Threat

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[Text] After the speech of the president of the republic at the noon prayers, Tehran's Friday imam, Hojjat ol-Eslam Khamene'i, said in one part of the Friday speech that world plunderers and occupiers are launching all sorts of inhuman practices against Iran in order to serve their aims.

He said that the United States wants to seize Iran's fortune by force, supports the murderer shah, threatens to impose seizure on Iran from all sides and to launch a military attack on Iran. But the Iranian people, backed by the Koran and by their unity, will counter any plot.

If the United States attacks Iran, then it will find itself facing a deadlock.

Further on Khamene'i Speech

JN111713 [Editorial Report JN] Tehran International Service in Arabic at 1614 GMT on 11 April 1980 broadcasts the text of the 10-minute speech recorded in Arabic delivered at Tehran University during today's Friday prayers by Hojjat ol-Eslam Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i. During the address, Khamene'i discusses the break in U.S.-Iranian relations and talks about Iran's confrontation of the enemies of the Iranian Revolution, including Iraq's Saddam Husayn. Turning to those who will help Iran in this confrontation, Khamene'i says: "When the demand arises, our struggler brothers, the zealous ones in the Gulf, in Iraq, in Hijaz and everywhere where there is a well, oil or an oil pipeline, will jump to our aid. They will fall with their spades on the heads of America and the West. They will stop oil production and will stop sending it to the invaders who are trying to group up against the Islamic republic."

Rafsanjani Address to Unity March

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[Speech by Aytollah Rafsanjani to the participants in the unity march and meeting at Tehran University on 11 April--live]

[Excerpts] We have heard many deceptive slogans from the mouths of the leaders of the American regime--the leaders of the capitalist world and the bosses of imperialism. They have presented themselves as the standard bearers of freedom, independence, the dignity of man and human rights. For many years they have deceived the nations of the world and have claimed that they are endeavoring to save human beings from the evils of dictatorship, barbarism, ignorance, illiteracy and backwardness.

On the opposite side, the socialist system and the claimants of support for the working and deprived classes have also given certain slogans and have made certain claims. These two sets of claims have deceived a large part of humanity by posing as the two opposite sides of truth.

Some people who are part of the capitalist world and the Western camp and some people who belong to the Eastern Camp have pinned a great deal of hope on these claims and slogans, and have placed themselves at the disposal of these camps. However, a revolution like the Iranian Revolution is needed; an event like the Algerian Revolution is needed; a historic (?event) like that which happened in Vietnam is needed; complex events like the problems of Afghanistan and Somalia are needed so that those who make certain claims may be placed in the crucible of trial and have their true nature revealed to the world.

The Iranian revolution is, in truth, one of the great test cases of history. The credibility and honor of America, the Western world and their collaborators have been seriously damaged in their dealings with the Iranian Revolution. They have been called into question even in their own societies and among their own people.

The weapons America had at its disposal when trying to suppress other people in other parts of the world cannot be wielded against Iran. In Vietnam, America claimed that it was fighting against international communism. In Algeria, France claimed that it was confronting world-devouring communism. In Palestine, too, they make such claims.

But they cannot put this stain upon Iran. A nation has risen up. A nation has risen up with empty hands but with an iron will based on ideology, religion and thought. It has risen up in order to achieve its rights and to obtain salvation. The people destroyed the barriers. They toppled a tyrannical regime and seized the reins of their country and their society. And the whole world has admitted we did not receive the slightest assistance from the outside world. And we did not need it, either.

America is caught at a crossroad. Either it has to say that we are basically against revolution, independence, freedom and truth seeking; or else it has to confess that the Iranian nation has the right to decide its own destiny. There is no other way.

In the early days of the revolution they began whispering that in no time the Iranian Revolution would move toward the left and that following a series of clashes and fluctuations among hostile domestic groups it would become a delicious morsel for the USSR.

We are a nation that has just staged a revolution, a nation facing difficulties and a nation that is encountering natural post-revolution shortages. Yet in spite of this we are moving with such religious zeal, and adhering to such principles and fundamentals that at a time when we are involved in thousands of difficulties we have not forgotten our path. It would have been quite natural for us--that is, the whole world expected us to use our northern neighbor, even if only as a scarecrow, at a time when America was pressing us. But behold the fortitude of the leader and the nation: having faced the situation, just as they took action against that superpower, the United States, they asked this other superpower, too, just what it was doing in Afghanistan. [shouts of approval]

This is the best test for a people, for a revolution bent on adhering to principles: to be truthful and to move forward along the right path. Look at Cuba: it staged a revolution but ended in the Soviet lap. Look at Vietnam: it too staged a revolution and also ended in the Soviet lap. Ethiopia staged a revolution; it too ended in the Soviet lap. Angola staged a revolution and ended in the Soviet lap. Wherever you go you see the same thing.

For the first time a revolution has been staged that, despite a common border of 1,600 km and despite the predilection by the other party, categorically declares that what we are concerned with is freedom, independence and right. We proclaim that there is no difference between one superpower or the other [shouts of "God is great"] just when America is threatening us and declares that it no longer wants to purchase any oil from us, and when American's associates in the West are moving to support such a threat, our nation is brave enough to tell the USSR: We are not going to give you any more gas; for you want to buy it cheap [words indistinct]. [shouts of approval] Then how can you accuse this nation? This is a trait peculiar to our school of thought.

America would have very much liked to brand Iran as being inclined to favor leftwing forces. However, this did not work. Therefore, America could not use the pretext of fighting Marxism or communism to interfere in our country. Here I would like to raise a very fundamental point about the groups and opposition groups within the country. Please pay attention: this test applies not only to America and other foreign countries. You, the supporters of freedom: you too have reached a point where you must prove your allegiance.

So far you have been saying that the archenemy is imperialism; that attending to other problems would get us overly involved in trivial matters; and that such actions would lead us to confuse trivial matters with important problems. You have said that such acts would be detrimental to the revolution. Consequently, you call on the people, the majority of the people, to leave you alone.

If you are sincere in what you are saying, if you accept that our basic difference is with Western imperialism, if you accept that our arch enemy is America, then today you will not find any country in the world that has risen so decisively against America. [shouts of approval] Therefore, if you are really sincere in your claims, then I must say that nowadays, you cannot find a government and a nation under this heaven or on this earth that has managed to challenge America as the Iranian nation has done. It seems it is for the first time--although I am not quite certain--that America has taken the initiative in severing relations with a nation, diplomatic relations. The anger felt by America against our nation, our leader and our revolutionis so strong that one cannot even begin to describe it.

Now, you leftists, you who claim the need for struggle against imperialism. You who claim the need to fight against capitalism: you must prove yourself to this nation. The acid test today is the policy and methods adopted by our revolutionary government and nation. What are you going to do? What are you going to do as of tomorrow? Are you going to keep bringing government departments to a standstill under the pretext seeking to remedy the situation of unemployed graduates? Are you going to continue going to the factories, misleading workers and bringing them to a standstill? Are you going to keep chanting the slogan of "antipopular army" against our army which is selflessy beating back Saddam Husayn's lancers on the Iraqi border? Are you going to continue accusing our Corps of Revolution Guards of being reactionary--a corps which is selflessly crushing Western capitalist agents in Iran?

What are you going to do? What will you do? Are you going to continue to use walls, the university and your pamphlets to insult the leaders and revolution figures? If you continue this method, then how can you expect the nation to trust you? For then there shall no longer be any reciprocal trust between you and the nation. [shouts of approval and "God is great"]

'20-Million Strong Army' Resolution

LD111358 [Editorial Report LD] Tehran Domestic Service in Persian at 1025 GMT on 11 April carries a report on the resolution issued by the 20-million-strong army and read out in front of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran by an unknown person today. The resolution consists of 11 points:

1. "We, the 20-million-strong army of the Islamic Republic of Iran, declare our full support for the great leader of the Islamic revolution and the founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran and believe that only the pursuit of the decisive and uncompromising line of the imam will guarantee the final victory of the nation."

2. "We declare our infinite satisfaction about the severance of diplomatic relations with United States and congratulate the dear Iranian nation for this great victory." In fact, the decisive and uncompromising resistance of the imam against the superpower led to the severance of relations with United States. We ask all the oppressed countries who are under the rule of the United States to follow suit and break off relations with it.

3. "We assert our full support for the position of the students following the imam's line, against the superpower United States, and ask the responsible officials to face the superpowers decisively and to not compromise in any way."

4. "We believe that the mere severance of diplomatic ties with the United States is not sufficient for the achievement of complete freedom, but that the fight should continue against the domination of the United States and other superpowers, in the cultural, economic and military fields."

5. "We ask the responsible officials to speedily implement the imam's New Year's message."

6. We condemn the corrupt regime of As-Sadat for opposing Islam, for being a puppet to the criminal United States and the usurper Israel and also for giving shelter to the traitor shah, the old enemy of Islam. We support the Egyptian students who have revived the memory of the Islamic revolution by their demonstrations and we ask the noble Egyptian nation to deal with As-Sadat as the Iranian nation did with the traitor shah, in order to save their holy country.

7. We condemn the rotten Ba'thist Iraqi regime, who for the satisfaction of their lords, especially the bankrupt Carter, have shed the blood of the Iraqi Muslim youths and have embarked on a full-scale war against Islam and the struggling clergy of Iraq. We declare the full readiness of the 20-million strong army to silence the inane utterances of Saddam Husayn and, while condemning the arrest of Ayatollah Mohammad Baqer as-Sadr, we support the Iraqis who have sought sanctuary and the Iranians who have been driven out of Iraq. We ask the honorable and struggling nation of Iraq to rid their Islamic country of the vampiric Saddam Husayn and the puppet Ba'thist regime of Iraq as soon as possible.

8. "Once again we declare our support for the Muslim Afghan nation, whose only weapons against the colonialist imperialist Soviet government are martydrom and blood, and we strongly condemn the military occupation of the neighboring brother country of Afghanistan and ask the Soviet Government to leave Afghan soil as soon as possible."

9. We declare our ungrudging support for all liberation movements, especially those Islamic movements who are fighting against the domination of the Western and Eastern superpowers and bring them the glad tidings of speedy victory.

10. "We ask for the increasing solidarity of the nation and declare our all-round support for the president, the Revolution Council and the Islamic government. We declare our readiness to give all-round support to the army of the Islamic republic and the Guards Corps."

11. "We insist that the president and the Revolution Council implement, as quickly as possible, the disarmament plan of the political groups and establish security throughout the country."

Qotbzadeh Meeting With EC Envoys

LD111456 Hamburg DPA in German 1431 GMT 11 Apr 80 LD

[Text] Bonn--Iranian Foreign Minister Sadeq Qotbzadeh received today in Tehran the ambassadors of the nine member states of the European Community for a discussion on the fate of the American hostages. This has been confirmed by diplomatic circles in Bonn. Qotbzadeh himself asked for the meeting.

Diplomats in Bonn stressed at the same time that the visit by German Ambassador Gerhard Ritzel and his eight EC colleagues to Qotbzadeh could not "replace" the step decided upon by the foreign ministers of the European Community in Lisbon to be presented by their ambassadors to Iranian President Bani-Sadr. It was learned in Bonn that such a visit by the nine EC ambassadors to Bani-Sadr might take place tomorrow.

Qotbzadeh: More Visits for Hostages

WA111800 London REUTER in English 1722 GMT 11 Apr 80 WA

[Excerpt] Tehran, April 11, REUTER--Foreign Minister Sadeq Qotbzadeh told a group of Western ambassadors today he hoped to announce more humanitarian visits for the U.S. embassy hostages in the next few days, Western diplomats said.

Mr Qotbzadeh summoned the ambassadors of the nine European Economic Community (EEC) countries, Japan, Australia and New Zealand to the Foreign Ministry this morning to urge them not to join President Carter's economic and political sanctions against Iran.

He told the diplomats he expected to announce visits to the 50 American hostages by Red Cross officials in the next few days, adding in reply to questions that other moves might include visits by the captives' immediate families and weekly religious services for all the hostages, the sources said.

The foreign minister stressed that sanctions against Iran would only increase the mood of defiance among ordinary Iranians and make the arrangement of such humanitarian measures more difficult.

"A concise, polite but not unfriendly statement was made on behalf of the EEC countries," one source said. He declined to detail the statement's contents.

Bani-Sadr Ends Involvement With Hostages

AU111606 Rome ANSA in English 1550 GMT 11 Apr 80 AU

[Text] Rome, April 11 (ANSA)--Iranian President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr granted his first interview after the break in diplomatic relations with the United States to the Italian newsweekly L'ESPRESSO. Bani-Sadr said that he does not want and cannot get further involved in the hostage problem since he has already done everything within his power. "If President Jimmy Carter has not understood this and thinks he can solve the crisis following the traditional methods of a superpower policy, it is not my fault," he said.

According to the Iranian chief of state, United States threats "are only a bluff, as always". He argued that if the West truly fears a war it should intervene with its powerful ally to convince it that "it is necessary to respect the will and national pride of our people".

Bani-Sadr did not confirm that in case of an American attack the hostages will be killed. "Personally I don't think there will be an attack and therefore it is useless to theorize on this hypothesis. At present, the hostage's lives are safe. I am one hundred percent sure".

Asked about Iran's relations with Italy, which should supply Iran with helicopters and spare parts, Bani-Sadr said that among European countries "Italy is one of the least capable of independence from theUnited States. Let us hope that in the future your government's attitude will not prevent us from continuing our cooperation which has thus far been useful for both".

Cadets Withdrawn From U.S.

LD111900 Tehran in English to Europe 1830 GMT 11 Apr 80 ID

[Text] PARS NEWS AGENCY has reported 120 cadets of the Islamic Republic of Iran's Air Force who were sent to the United States for training will return to Iran tonight. They return due to the break of the diplomatic relations between Iran and the United States.

Agha: Expel U.S. Journalists

NC112246 Paris AFP in English 2220 GMT 11 Apr 80 NC

[Text] Tehran, April 11 (AFP)--American journalists working in Iran ought to be expelled from the country, the former Iranian charge d'affaires to the United States said today. The Iranian news agency PARS quoted 'Ali Agha as saying that "even if they tried honestly to portray the situation in Iran, the reporting of American journalists in Iran must conform to what is expected from them in the United States."

Iran would do better to invite "simple citizens rather than journalists" into the country, he reportedly said upon arriving in Iran after his expulsion from the United States along with other Iranian diplomats.

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Qotbzadeh Meets Ambassadors

LD121201 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0930 GMT 12 Apr 80 LD

[Text] Sadeq Qotbzadeh, minister of foreign affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, this morning (?met and had talks) with the ambassadors of Spain, Sweden, Portugal, Norway, Finland, Austria and Switzerland at the Foreign Ministry palace. [remainder indistinct]

Bani-Sadr Meeting With Ambassadors

LD121010 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0938 GMT 12 Apr 80 LD

[Text] Eight ambassadors of the Common Market member countries, together with the Japanese ambassador and the Irish charge d'affaires, this morning met and had talks with Dr Abolhasan Bani-Sadr, president of the republic. In this connection we have a report which you will now hear:

At 0830 this morning, eight ambassadors of the Common Market countries, together with the Japanese ambassador and the Irish charge d'affaires, were received in audience by our country's president, with whom they discussed and exchanged opinions pertaining to recent Iranian-U.S. problems and the crisis. During this conversation the Common Market ambassadors expressed their anxiety over the circumstances of the hostages and their health and welfare conditions. In reply the president of the republic said: From the standpoint of health and human issues we ourselves have already thought of this problem and there is no need for your anxiety. The president also graciously said: We exerted efforts in order to solve the Iranian-U.S. crisis, but it was the United States which reneged on its undertakings and on our conditions in several instances. The president graciously said: An arrangement has been made whereby an internationally acceptable organ such as the Red Cross will visit all the hostages without any exception.

Dr Abolhasan Bani-Sadr also candidly stated his own points of view pertaining to the Iranian-U.S. Crisis and on the recent problems between the two countries. It was then decided that the said ambassadors should convey Mr Bani-Sadr's views to their respective governments.

Further on Bani-Sadr Meeting

OW120553 Tokyo KYODO in English 0547 GMT 12 Apr 80 OW

[Text] Tehran April 12 KYODO--Japanese Ambassador to Iran Tsutomu Wada, together with the ambassadors of the nine European Communities (EC) nations in Tehran, met with Iranian President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr Saturday morning to seek early release of the American hostages in Tehran on the basis of the decision reached at the EC foreign ministers' conference in Lisbon. The ambassadors also asked about the date, manner and other details for the release of the hostages. It was not known immediately whether President Bani-Sadr made a reply on the spot or would do so later.

The ambassadors will return home to report to their governments immediately after receiving the Iranian reply, as agreed at the EC conference in Lisbon. Japan has already decided to join the EC nations in the action.

It is expected that Japanese Ambassador Wada will return to Tokyo some time next week. The meeting between President Bani-Sadr and the ambassadors was held at the request of the latter.

Also on Saturday, Iranian Foreign Minister Sadeq Qotbzadeh met the ambassadors of Spain, Portugal, Sweden, Finland, Austria, Norway and Switzerland to brief them on Iran's diplomatic policy after the United States severed relations with the country.

On Friday, Foreign Minister Gotbzadeh called the ambassadors of Japan, the EC bloc, Australia, New Zealand to make the request that their governments refrain from following the United States move of taking punitive steps against Iran. President Bani-Sadr also urged Japan and the EC countries Friday not to follow Washington's actions, warning that Iran would halt crude oil supplies if Japan and the EC nations should take punitive steps against Iran.

Though details of the talks between Bani-Sadr and the Japanese and EC ambassadors on Saturday were not immediately clear, observers believed that the Iranian president had shown a stern posture to the ambassadors.

Envoy on Bani-Sadr's 'Flexible' Attitude

OW121129 Tokyo KYODO in English 1100 GMT 12 Apr 80 OW

[Excerpt] Tehran April 12 KYODO--Japanese Ambassador Tsutomu Wada refused to immediately disclose what he and the ambassadors of nine European Community nations talked [about] with President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr Saturday morning. Meeting Japanese reporters, Wada said, however, he felt a "flexible" attitude on the part of the Iranian Government during the hour-and-a-half talks with the president.

The Japanese ambassador then went in to work to prepare a joint press statement expected to be issued by the ambassadors later Saturday. Informed sources said Bani-Sadr spoke in French answering questions from the ambassador. They said the Italian ambassador started off by expressing the strong concern of the EC nations over the hostage issue.

Hostage Release Timing Uncertain

OW121349 Tokyo NHK Television Network in Japanese 1245 GMT 12 Apr 80 OW

[Text] President Bani-Sadr said at the meeting with Ambassador Wada and ambassadors of nine European Community nations that he cannot clearly indicate the time of the release of the hostages who are held in the U.S. Embassy. This was disclosed by the president's spokesman. According to the spokesman, at the meeting, in response to a question by Ambassador Wada and other ambassadors on when the hostages would be released, President Bani-Sadr said that the fate of the hostages would be entrusted to the hands of Iran's Parliament and that it is impossible to clearly indicate a specific date for their release because time of the opening of Parliament has yet not been decided.

In addition, President Bani-Sadr was reported as telling the ambassadors that Iran will take retaliatory measures, including a halt to oil exports, against any country which joins the U.S. in economic sanctions.

According to a KYODO report, Iran's state-run radio announced that at the meeting President Bani-Sadr disclosed that the Iranian Government has already been prepared to have an international organization such as the international Red Cross society meet all hostages.

Moreover, President Bani-Sadr was reported as having complained to the ambassadors that Iran made efforts to resolve the crisis with the United States and, nevertheless, the United States failed to respond to conditions shown by Iran.

Pope's Message to Khomeyni

LD121054 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0940 GMT 12 Apr 80 LD

[Text] According to the PARS NEWS AGENCY, Pope John Paul II, the leader of the world's Catholics, has sent a message to the leader of the Islamic revolution of Iran as follows:

To His Great Eminence Ruhollah Khomeyni:

With the utmost sincerity we beg permission to express the profound anxiety gnawing at our hearts over the worsening relations between the United States and the country of Your Great Eminence. We have already expressed the same sentiments to His Excellency Mr Bani-Sadr, president of the Islamic Republic of Iran; Dr Kurt Waldheim, secretary general of the United Nations; and Mr Jimmy Carter, President of the United States of America.

Lifting our hands in heartfelt prayer to Almighty God, we beg the Almighty's graciousness and bounty in safeguarding the noble country of Iran, which is very dear to us, and to protect the region, which is fraught with the causes of yet another profound exacerbation, from even greater problems and dangers.

From the depth of our hearts we nurture the hope that, thanks to the influence and power which Your Great Eminence enjoys, an equitable solution will be found which will safeguard mutual respect between the interested countries and that you will be gracious enough to guide them and the whole of mankind along the path of justice, peace and amity.

[Signed] Pope John Paul II, the Vatican, 11 April 1980.

Official on Funds to Students in U.S.

LD121748 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1646 GMT 12 Apr 80 LD

[Excerpts] According to a PARS NEWS AGENCY report, the deputy governor of Bank Melli Iran, which is responsible for foreign affairs, announced today: According to the new regulations issued by the central bank of Iran, Bank Melli will transfer the exchange currency required by Iranian students abroad after their parents deliver the equivalent in rials for the last 3 months of the current academic year.

He added: Against the actions of U.S. imperialism, we seek the fastest possible way to send money to students so that our dear students will not have to abandon their studies. We will not let them be inconvenienced. He also said: I must mention that there will be no problem in sending money to Iranian students in the United States. We have ordered our branches to transfer the legal exchange for the Iranian students in the United States, the same as before.

Turkey Will Not Support Sanctions

JN131434 Tehran Domestic Service in Kurdish (Bahdinani) 1700 GMT 12 Apr 80 JN

[Text] In a dispatch from Ankara, TANJUG reports that sources close to the Turkish Foreign Ministry have stated that Turkey will not support the U.S. economic sanctions against Iran, because any such sanctions would be futile.

Argentina's Withdrawal of Ambassador

LD122015 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1930 GMT 12 Apr 80 LD

[Text] The Argentine military government today expressed its profound anxiety over the question of the U.S. hostages in Tehran and recalled its ambassador from Tehran.

Celebration of Break With U.S.

LD120358 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0330 GMT 12 Apr 80 LD

[Text] The glorious march yesterday in which millions of people from all over the country took part was held with unprecedented joy and excitement. Many observers described this march as the greatest after the victory of the Islamic revolution of Iran. Following this glorious day, tomorrow our compatriots will celebrate the breaking off of the relations with the world-devouring U.S. imperialism. Up to now, religious societies, parties, groups, factions, associations and different societies have invited people to take part in the national and Islamic celebration on Sunday.

Commentary on U.S.-Iraqi Relations

LD121953 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 12 Apr 80 LD

[Unattributed commentary]

[Text] We now draw your attention to a commentary about relations between America and Iraq: Among today's dispatches was a report quoting Moshe Dayan as saying that if America wishes, Israel is prepared to make available its military bases to it in order to confront Iran. Our answer to Moshe Dayan is: There is no need to (go to such length) simply to serve the master, for its other associate has already undertaken to do just that along the Iranian border; it has already made available a sufficient number of bases to America to attack Iran. Of course, this subservient puppet, namely our own Saddam Husayn, has hatched another plot as well, having no faith in Iraqi pilots, he is willingly making use of American pilots, for there is no possibility of treason emanating from them. Considering that their god is always found in their checking accounts, they can be (relied upon) as true servants. In fulfilling their service they are even prepared to repaint their aircraft and stick the Iraqi Ba'ath emblem on them, so that they might exonerate the White House of the possibility of being accused of having attacked Iran.

The collaboration between Saddam Husayn and the Americans, often heard here and there, fortunately has now been totally exposed. We can now openly see the glaring evidence which Saddam Husayn was trying to conceal. You might have heard the report that the White House press secretary has announced that the Carter administration has approved the sale of gas turbine engines to Iraq to be used by Iraqi warships.

These engines are manufactured by General Electric and the order for them was issued on 23 January, that is, about 3 months ago, by the U.S. Commerce Department. Obviously, in the near future Saddam Husayn will begin dreaming of an attack by Iraqi warships, equipped with American engines, on Greater and Lesser Tunb Islands and Au Musa in the Persian Gulf. These are the islands he is claiming.

While U.S. planes are being repainted with Iraqi colors, Iraqi warships are being moved by American engines. Yet, ATH-THAWRAH, the organ of the Iraqi Bath Party, writes that it is the American and Zionist agents who are encouraging Iran to fight the progressive forces of the Iraqi revolution. Really, the paper's editor should have read the pope's message to the imam today. The message shows that Carter's situation has deteriorated beyond expectations; it has reached the point that the pope is now praying for him, appealing to the imam to put an end to the deterioration of relations between Iran and America. On the other hand, one can witness to what idiotic plots Carter is resorting, simply to save himself from American public opinion. Day after day we machinates a new lie which, without any regard for earlier lies, disgraces him even more than before.

This very last Wednesday Carter announced that of the 208 Iranian cadets in America, 120 have sought asylum. Now, ignoring his remarks of 4 days ago, today he announces that only (?five) people have asked for asylum. Now it appears that only one of these officers has called on U.S. Defense Department, otherwise there has been no question of seeking political asylum.

At any rate, a whole world has been mobilized against Imam Khomeyni and the Iranian Islamic Revolution. They spare no lies, deception and dishonorable measures in order to strike at our nation and heroic leader. How one wishes these people could have heard the remarks by Julius Nyerere, the scholarly and realistic president of Tanzania, when, addressing the Iranian ambassador, he said: Imam Khomeyni's sagacity and leadership are unparalleled in today's world. At a time when heads of state, like junior accountants, are busy making calculations, Imam Khomeyni is standing up to world oppressors like a gigantic dam; so far he has neither retreated a single step nor made a wrong decision. I am sorry not to have heard of such a unique individual during the long years of Mohammad Reza Pahlavi's rule.

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Delegation to Visit Hostages

JN131631 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1600 GMT 13 Apr 80 JN

[Text] The public relations office of the Muslim student followers of the imam's policy has issued a statement in which it said that an invitation has been extended to a delegation to visit the spy hostages. The delegation is made up of the Tehran Friday imam, the health minister, the representative of the International Red Cross and a representative of the Red Lion and Sun Society. The visit will take place tomorrow, Monday.

Qotbzadeh Meeting With Arab Ambassadors

LD131019 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0938 GMT 13 Apr 80 LD

[Text] According to our correspondent, envoys and ambassadors of the Islamic countries met with Sadeq Qotbzadeh this morning.

Regarding this meeting, Sadeq Qotbzadeh stated to our correspondent: Following the meeting with ambassadors of the Common Market countries and the European countries, it was necessary that the position of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran be explained to the Arab countries regarding the U.S.-Iranian crisis and especially the Iraq crisis.

The minister of foreign affairs added: In today's meeting it was pointed out to the ambassadors and envoys of the Arab countries that Iraq is the main agent of imperialism in the region; she is not effective on her own.

The minister of foreign affairs said in conclusion: The ambassadors and envoys of African countries and the Eastern bloc possibly will be invited so that the position of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran regarding the U.S.-Iranian crisis can be clearly explained to them.

According to our correspondent, after the meeting Foreign Minister Sadeq Qotbzadeh held separate private meetings with the Algerian ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Iran and Hani al-Hasan, the PLO envoy to Iran. Regarding these talks, Qotbzadeh said: We talked about safeguarding the interests of Iran in the United States with the Algerian ambassador and we reviewed issues regarding Palestine with Hani al-Hasan.

Expelled Cadets Welcomed

LD131257 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0941 GMT 13 Apr 80 LD

[Text] According to the central news bureau, 190 Iranian naval and air force cadets returned home at 0300 today following the severance of relations between Iran and America. The cadets were welcomed at Mehrabad Airport by Foreign Minister Qotbzadeh.

In his welcoming remarks the foreign minister said: Your sudden return is a source of displeasure; for it has caused considerable harm. However, this is only part of the price we shall have to pay in order to sever relations and liberate ourselves from the plots hatched by the superpowers.

The Iranian foreign minister added: However, you must realize that despite all the difficulties, you are landing in an independent and free country, where a bright and glorious future awaits you.

Expelled Diplomats Interviewed

LD131732 [Editorial Report LD] Tehran Domestic Service in Persian at 1355 GMT on 13 April carries recorded interviews with the expelled Iranian diplomats who recently arrived in Iran from the United States. The interviews include remarks by some members of the Iranian diplomatic corps on their treatment during their stay and just before their expulsion from the United States.

A member of the corps, Mohammad Hamidi Moqaddam, says: "From the day the announcement of the expulsion was made, the Americans' attitude toward us was not unpleasant. They were trying to behave with courtesy toward us. However, there were times when they could not help themselves. In particular, the FBI agents who accompanied us in Dallas did not behave pleasantly. However, all in all, it was not bad since they were trying to remain courteous."

The other diplomats interviewed express the same opinion, only criticizing the police and FBI agents for their attitude, while praising the American people for their courteous behavior. Some of those interviewed blame the U.S. media for the failure of the American people to understand the true meaning of the Iranian Revolution.

Celebration Reported

TA131619 London BBC World Service in English 1500 GMT 13 Apr 80 TA

[From "Radio Newsreel"]

[Text] In Tehran, a spokesman for the militant students holding the hostages at the American Embassy has said that a delegation including a representative of the International Red Cross will be allowed to visit the hostages tomorrow. Other representatives in the delegation would include the Iranian health minister, the religious leader of Tehran and a representative of Iran's equivalent to the Red Cross, the Red Lion and Sun Society. Meanwhile, today marks the sixth day since the United States broke relations with Iran, and there was a call for it to be marked as an occasion for national celebration. Roger Cooper sent this report from Tehran. [begin recording]

The national celebration to mark the full break in diplomatic relations between Iran and the United States wasn't exactly a flop but it failed to reach the standards of other similar events such as the Islamic Republic Day and unity day, both already celebrated this month. There were expectations that the day would be a holiday, but at the last minute the Revolutionary Council decided against this in keeping with President Bani-Sadr's call on Iranians to work harder. Instead the occasion was marked in Tehran and other large cities by a special display of horn blowing and light flashing. Drivers were instructed to blow their horns and flash their lights for ten minutes, beginning at twelve noon. Tehran traffic is normally live but today the noise reached a new crescendo as thousands of drivers complied. This unusual ceremony was born in January 1979 on the day the shah left Iran and drivers responded spontaneously to the news in this way. Although many drivers obeyed the order enthusiastically, for some of them operating their windscreen wipers as well, there was considerably apathy. When asked at a traffic light why his lights weren't on, one driver looked embarassed and said his battery was flat. But there is no doubt that many Iranians are tired of the constant (?rhetoric) and demonstrations and would like to see more concrete achievement.

EEC Ambassadors To Depart Tehran

NC131654 Paris AFP in English 1645 GMT 13 Apr 80 NC

[Text] Tehran, April 13 (AFP)--The ambassadors of the nine Western European Common Market countries are to return to their respective capitals in the coming days or hours, diplomatic sources here confirmed today. These departures in no way constitute a "recall," but provide an opportunity for the ambassadors to report back to their government on their diplomatic efforts in the Iranian capital, the sources said.

The nine Common Market ambassadors together with the Japanese ambassador met yesterday with President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr to ask him, without success, for a firm commitment on a date for the release of the U.S. Embassy hostages here.

International Group Can Visit Hostages

NC131857 Paris AFP in English 1844 GMT 13 Apr 80 NC

[Text] Tehran, April 13 (AFP)--Iran's Revolutionary Council today agreed in principle to allow a mission sponsored by a "respected international group" such as the Red Cross to visit the U.S. hostages, Foreign Minister Sadeq Qotbzadeh said today. He added after a meeting of the council, "the question of the logistics and date of the visit remain, however, to be settled."

Mr. Qotbzadeh said that the militants who have occupied the U.S. Embassy for more than five months "are free to invite whom they want to visit the hostages."

The council's decision came after Iranian President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr assured the ambassadors of the nine Common Market countries that he would not be opposed to a visit to the hostages by a "respected international" group.

ETTELA'AT on Oil Sanctions

OW140103 Tokyo KYODO in English 0045 GMT 14 Apr 80 OW

[Text] Tehran April 14 KYODO--A leading Tehran newspaper argued Sunday Iran might use its oil as a highly effective weapon against possible economic sanctions by Japan and European Community nations. In a special issue assessing the possibility of such sanctions, the ETTELA'AT said economic experts of Iran thought that the country's trade, production, monetary and financing sectors would be affected in that event.

The evening paper then proposed that the government control foreign trade and instruct people to use domestic products instead of imported goods.

A halt to oil supply would be extremely effective against such economic sanctions because that would bring on inflation in the industrialized countries, the paper said.

In what could be taken as Iran's majority view, the ETTELA'AT said in a companion article that West Germany and Britain, among U.S. allies, were most likely to follow Washington's lead in enforcing sanctions against Tehran.

"If the nine EC nations should take concerted action in following the U.S. initiative, Japan, too, will follow suit, as suggested by its foreign minister," it said.

SECOND ROUND MAJLES ELECTIONS TO BE HELD 2 MAY

LD122008 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1948 GMT 12 Apr 80 LD

[Excerpt] The Revolution Council did not meet tonight. According to a PARS NEWS AGENCY correspondent, after a meeting of the Revolution Council's committee No 1, Eng Mostafa Mir-Salim, the undersecretary of the Interior Ministry and supervisor of the Islamic Republic's police department, told correspondents that the second round of the Majles elections will be held on 2 May.

DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING RELATIONS WITH IRAQ

Flights to Abadan Stopped

LD140709 Tehran AZADEGAN in Persian 10 Apr 80 p 1 LD

[Unattributed report: "National Airline Flights to Abadan Canceled"]

[Text] The national airline of Iran, Homa, has announced in a statement that for security reasons resulting from the proximity of Iraqi airspace and the necessity of safeguarding the lives and property of national airline passengers, flights to Abadan are canceled. Flights between Tehran and Ahvaz will continue.

Further Report

GF131356 Ahvaz Domestic Service in Persian 1230 GMT 13 Apr 80 GF

[Text] Following the suspension of Iran Air flights to Abadan, the head of Iran Air in Abadan, in a telephone interview with a PARS correspondent, discussed how Iran Air passengers can fly to Tehran. He said passengers wishing to travel to Tehran and other parts of Iran will have to go to Ahvaz airport. Since the plane fare from Ahvaz to Tehran is more expensive than a flight from Abadan to Tehran, he said passengers will receive a refund from the airport cashier. The Iran Air official said flights to Abadan have been suspended for security reasons. He added that the airport is still servicing transit flights.

Khomeyni Statement on Deportees

JN111816 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1600 GMT 11 Apr 80 JN

[Text of statement issued to the Iranian people on 11 April by Iran's Imam Ruhollah Mosavi Khomeyni on the "brothers and sisters deported by the Takriti Ba'th authorities"]

[Text] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful.

Noble people of Iran, be generous toward the honorable guests who have been turned out from their lands by a comspiracy hatched by the United States and carried out by the treacherous hand of the misguided Ba'thist regime. They were sent to Iran in a deplorable and shocking state.

These are your oppressed brothers, who have been evicted from their land by the butchers of the Ba'th regime without any right or justification except to satisfy their baser self, which incites to evil in blind allegiance to the archsatan.

The noble people and the government of the Islamic Republic of Iran must provide these deportees with the best means of the honorable standard of living so that they will not suffer enxieties or be grieved.

The ill-omened Ba'thist regime, which devoted itself to opposing Islam and the Muslims, should learn that it is faulty and misguided and that the Muslim people in Iran and Iraq will put an end to the engineers of blasphemy, will root them out and will make them be completely forgotten.

Behind his fabricated acts, Saddam Husayn, who is confronting the noble Iraqi people and who is on the brink, wants to divert the attention of our Muslim brothers from his lowly regime so that he can proceed with his crimes. His hands up to his elbows are stained with the blood of the zealous Iraqi youth. He boasts that he is defending the Arab people. He imagines that Arabism is above Islam. He stabs Islam in the heart, believing that this will attract the Arab people to him. He is ignoring that the noble Arab people are defending Islam in as much as they are defending their lives and that like their ancestors during the early period of Islam, they will rush to relentlessly fight against the enemies of Islam.

Let our Arab brothers be at ease concerning the fact that our noble people are enemies of their enemies--headed by the ill-omened Ba'thist regime--are the brothers of their brothers and share their ordeals from this corrupt regime in the hope of throwing the Ba'th regime in the garbage of history like the shah regime.

We have strong hope that the Muslims will triumph and that liberation is imminent. I implore God Almighty to grant victory to the Muslims over the corrupt forces. Peace be upon you and upon all the sincere people.

[Signed] Ruhollah Mosavi Khomeyni

Clash at Paveh

LD111756 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 11 Apr 80 LD

[Text] The public relations office of the Kermanshah Guards Corps told the Kermanshah news unit by telephone today: During the past 48 hours, clashes have occurred between agents of Iraqi Ba'th and armed forces of the Islamic Republic stationed at Paveh. According to the same report, at 0200 yesterday, a motor car carrying guards on patrol on the road between Paveh and (Shamshir) was attacked by armed assailants, 3 km from Paveh. During this clash, which lasted 1 hour, four brother guards were wounded and one by the name of (Reza Mostafadokht) was martyred. The injured were taken to Taleqani Hospital in Kermanshah by helicopter. The assailants also suffered some losses in this clash, although there is no accurate report of how many.

Iraqi Artillery Repulsed

LD112018 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1930 GMT 11 Apr 80 LD

[Text] A statement was issued tonight by the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the Islamic Republic of Iran in connection with a serious clash between Iraqi artillery and the 81st Armored Division of Kermanshah at Baveysi. On the basis of the statement, the clash which occurred at 1400 today was still continuing at 2250, when the statement was handed us. It says that the 81st Division succeeded in repulsing the artillery attack by inflicting heavy casualties on the Iraqi army and forcing the aggressors to retreat.

In the course of the clash, Warrant Officer Hoseyn (Bafani) was martyred and Private Hemmat Javadi was wounded. The 81st Armored Division praises the martyrdom of the true soldier of the division to the heroic Iranian nation.

Ba'th Agents Among Deportees

LD112036 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1930 GMT 11 Apr 80 LD

[Text] Among those deported from Iraq, some members of the Ba'th Party and security agents as well as saboteurs, have been identified. According to a PARS NEWS AGENCY dispatch from Ilam, Governor General of Ilam Asghar Ebrahimi, announcing the news said:

In the course of investigations carried out in order to identify the deportees, so far more than 10 active members of the Ba'th Party have been identified, among whom security agents and trained saboteurs have been recognized.

Losses Inflicted on Iraqis

JN112024 Tehran International Service in Arabic 2000 GMT 11 Apr 80 JN

[Text] A communique issued by the Joint Staff of the forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Guards of the Islamic Revolution says that our forces have inflicted grave losses in life and equipment on the Iraqi forces and forced them to retreat. This took place during the battles on the western borders that raged today between the forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Guards of the Islamic revolution on the one hand, and the attacking Iraqi Ba'th forces. The communique adds that our losses were one martyr from the army and two others wounded. The battles were still raging until this afternoon.

Al-Qadhdhafi's Message to Bani-Sadr, Husayn

LD120306 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0230 GMT 12 Apr 80 LD

[Text] According to PARS, telegrams were sent to Dr Abolhasan Bani-Sadr, the president of Iran, and Saddam Husayn by Col Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi, the leader of the Libyan revolution. The text of the telegrams is as follows:

In the name of Islam that has bonded the faithful as brothers and in the name of the joint history of the two fraternal nations of Iraq and Iran, I ask you to direct all your efforts toward ending the confrontation between the two governments. A confrontation between the revolution of Iran and any group of Arab revolution will only be in the interests of the colonialists and Zionists, who are the real enemies of the two countries. The real and necessary confrontation should be with the Americans, Israelis and their filthy mercenary and reactionary allies. Therefore, I hope that you will be more patient, tolerant and will cool the flames of your anger and will not allow the enemies to rejoice at your misfortunes until my representatives reach you.

[signed] Your brother, Col Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi.

Shadmehr on Army, Iraq

LD120330 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0230 GMT 12 Apr 80 LD

[Text] Major General Shadmehr, the chief of the Joint Staff of the Army of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in an interview with PARS has said: The army of the Islamic Republic of Iran has the most modern equipment in the Middle East. Regarding ability, technique and equipment, we are at the level of self-sufficiency.

Answering a question put to him on whether the Egyptian Army has come to the help of the Iraqi Army in the recent border confrontations between Iran and Iraq, Major General Shadmehr said: Our information is limited to the foreign public media and what the Friday imam of Tehran said. In my opinion there is that possibility in the present atmosphere, and it is possible the Iraq has some of the Egyptian Army units at its disposal just as this was done in the past.

The chief of the Joint Staff of the Army of the Islamic Republic of Iran said regarding the kinds of and the efficiency of the requipment of the army of the Islamic Republic of Iran: With respect to the equipment, one should accept that the most modern equipment in the Middle East belongs to the army of the Islamic Republic of Iran, and if there is a confrontation or a war we will be able to maintain our self-sufficiency for a long period of time and will not need to buy or ask for equipment from outside.

Military Commanders on Conflict

JN120824 Tehran International Service in Arabic 0710 GMT 12 Apr 80 JN

[From the "Press Review" program]

[Text] The newspaper BAMDAD publishes the text of an interview its correspondent held with the chief of the Joint Staff of the Army and with army officers. The paper highlights the following headlines from the interview: Army Commanders Explain Details of the Clashes Between Iran and Iraq; Ground Forces Repulsed an Iraqi Artillery Attack.

Giving details about the interview, the paper says that the chief of the joint staff and other commanders stressed the armed forces' readiness to foil any attack against Iranian territory. The commanders of the air force, navy, ground forces and gendarmerie stated that the armed forces are on alert. The chief of the joint staff of the army, Major General Shadmehr, explained the details of the clashes that took place over the last few days. He said: We are in complete control of the situation; our forces repulsed an Iraqi attack 3 days ago and forced the Iraqi aggressors to flee.

The commander of the ground forces, who left for the western area yesterday, said that the Iraqi forces on the borders have been reinforced with heavy weapons and artillery and stressed that the ground forces are watching the situation on the borders with complete alertness. The commander of the navy said that the naval forces have been placed on alert and will reply with violence to any aggression, regardless of its source.

The air force commander said that the Iraqi Government does not have the courage to wage war against Iran. It is not correct to use the word war, because the Iraqi Government does not have the courage to ignite this war. He added that the Iraqi Government is fully aware of the strength of our air force. That's why it does not risk issuing instructions to its forces to clash with us. If Iraq planes fly over our airspace, we will welcome them.

Attacks on Powerplants

LD121116 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1005 GMT 12 Apr 80 LD

[Text] According to the central news unit, the commander of the Kermanshah region's gendarmerie has announced that at about [time indistinct] this morning, assailants attacked the [name indistinct] camp and the (?ice) and powerplants of Sar-e Pol-e Zahab with RPF-7 and Kalashnikov rifles. Fortunately, no one was harmed. The commander of the Kermanshah region's gendarmerie added: As a result of retaliation by the security forces, one of the assailants was killed.

According to the news unit in Ilam, at 0230 this morning, the border post of Halaleh [as heard] came under the attack of Iraqi assailants. Gendarmerie forces returned the fire. According to the same report, five of the brave members of Halaleh post were injured in the clash.

Iraqi Minister's Statements

LD121245 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1019 GMT 12 Apr 80 LD

[Text] Iran's oil minister said in an interview with our correspondent regarding the course of action adopted by the Iraqi Government in the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, OPEC:

Iraq is completely in the hands of U.S. imperialism and is in fact no more than a puppet. Iraq once proclaimed to be [words indistinct] of OPEC; but she has now completely adopted a policy subordinate to Arabia and safeguarding the interests of [words indistinct] imperialism.

Regarding recent comments by Tayih 'Abd al-Karim, the [words indistinct] oil minister, [words indistinct] a few days ago, reproaching Iran and Libya for causing the failure of the OPEC members at the Caracas conference and disrupting the plan for aligning [yeknavakht kardan] prices, the oil minister said: He has raised the same points that the international oil-devourers [naft-kharan] have and yet he sympathizes with the Third World countries, saying that increasing oil prices by Iran is to ignore the interests of the Third World [words indistinct]. Is there nobody to ask him what percentage of OPEC oil is sold to Third World countries? And what percentage of it devoured by the industrial countries? Is not 95 percent of total OPEC production the share of the industrial countries and only 5 percent of it exported to the Third World countries?

Mo'infar stressed: How much has the Iraqi oil minister, who sympathizes so much with the Third World, done for them? He is ready to stop feeding imperialism and instead feed the same food to the Third World nations? [as heard] Is he prepared to divulge what percentage of the [words indistinct], crude oil which belongs to our brother nation, the dear Iraqis, is being exported to the United States despite his claim regarding a lack of connection with United States? Has he ever placed these figures before him so that he might learn that the world is aware that all sympathy is directed to safeguarding the interests of their [Iraq's] lords?

Regarding the price of [words indistinct] barrel of Iraqi oil, Mo'infar said: In the circumstances when Iran sells her oil for $35 a barrel, Iraq is selling the oil which is better than ours at an official price of $28 dollars. This is the wealth of the Muslim people of Iraq, which is being given away by the criminal Ba'thists to the international oil [words indistinct] at that price. The uprising of the Muslim people of Iraq will definitely put an end to such plunder.

[Words indistinct] Mo'infar referred to recent explosions in the oil installations in the west and south of Iran and the role of the Iraqi Government in this matter. He stated: The Iraqi oil minister referred to the explosions at the end of last week in Iran in his recent interview, saying that an oil reservoir exploded in the west of Iran, near Kermanshah and that Abadan oil refinery had also reduced its output by [figure indistinct] percent temporarily. He added that there was a suspicion of sabotage.

Iran's oil minister said regarding this matter: How impudent of the Iraqi Ba'thist Government to raise the matter in such a [words indistinct] way, while it is sending its mercenaries to Iran, causing explosions in our installations and attacking an oil reservoir in a neighboring country with RPG-7's, as if it has not had the slightest hand in [words indistinct].

Obviously, the dear Muslim nation of Iraq will not let such attacks on the Iranian [words indistinct] revolution be (?endless) and the satanic Ba'thist regime of Iraq will soon be (?overthrown) from within.

190 Iraqi Casualties in Darband

LD121804 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1654 GMT 12 Apr 80 LD

[Excerpt] An Iraqi Kurdish Democratic Party spokesman, in an interview with PARS NEWS AGENCY today in Urumiyeh, said that during the recent 3 days of fighting between the party's peshmergas and the Iraqi Ba'th forces, 190 Iraqi troops had been either killed or wounded. The report says that the fighting is still continuing in (Chuman) and Darband.

Heavy Firing in Baveysi

LD121802 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 12 Apr 80 LD

[Text] Our correspondent in Kermanshah, quoting the official in charge of the Revolution Guards Corps in Qasr-e Shirin, reports that at 1300 today a vehicle carrying Revolution Guards was blown up between [word indistinct] and Baveysi by a mine placed by Iraqi Ba'thist mercenaries. The explosion resulted in the death of a guard named 'Abedin 'Abbasi and the injury of another guard, Manuchehr [name indistinct].

The same source added: Between 2000 and 2400 last night Iraqi aggressors opened fire with heavy weapons on border posts in Baveysi. The Revolution Guards and the armed forces stationed in the area returned the fire.

Ilam Inhabitants Vow Fight

LD121738 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1714 GMT 12 Apr 80 LD

[Text] According to the PARS NEWS AGENCY, following a dastardly raid by Iraqi Ba'thist forces on the (Halaleh) border post, located in Ilam Province, the border inhabitants of Ilam told the governor general of their willingness to go to the border region and fight the Iraqi aggressors. Following this announcement, a national mobilization headquarters was set up at the Ilam governor general's office. As a result, hundreds of combative and brave people of Ilam prepared today to provide support for the corps of Revolution Guards, the gendarmerie and the army.

Mass Executions Reported

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[Text] Well-informed sources in Baghdad have reported that the Iraqi Ba'thist regime recently carried out a mass execution of 250 Iraqi officers and soldiers, including Maj Sa'd Mujbil, in Kirkuk camp on charges of conspiracy against the Iraqi Ba'thist regime. The sources added that all those who were executed belong to the Shi'ite community in northern Iraq. The Iraqi authorities also executed four Shi'ite men of religion from Baghdad and [word indistinct].

The Saddam Husayn clique is trying to exploit the unemployment of some Kurds by providing them with 200 dinars and a Kalashnikov and having them leave for Iran to carry out acts of sabotage.

Bani-Sadr Arrives in Kermanshah

LD131000 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0936 GMT 13 Apr 80 LD

[Text] According to the central news bureau, at 1045 this morning Dr Abolhasan Bani-Sadr, our country's elected president, arrived in Kermanshah in order to investigate the situation in the west country. He was welcomed at the airport by Ayatollah Haj 'Ata'ollah Ashrafi Esfahani, the Friday imam of Kermanshah; the governor-general; and the commanders of the army, gendarmerie, police and the Revolution Guards Corps. Then the president, accompanied by Kermanshah governor-general and the gendarmerie and Guards Corps commanders, left for the border regions by helicopter in order to investigate the situation in the region and that of the deportees.

Bani-Sadr Address to Deportees

JN131909 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1730 GMT 13 Apr 80 JN

[Text] President of the Republic Dr Abolhasan Bani-Sadr today paid an inspection visit to the citizens who have been deported by the criminal Ba'th authorities and who have been settled in (Sarab Garb) camp in the western part of the country. President Bani-Sadr arrived in the area via aircraft.

The PARS correspondent reported that the citizens rushed to welcome the president in a huge procession chanting "God is great" and praising the leadership of Imam Khomeyni and that of President Bani-Sadr. The furious masses condemned the plots of Saddam Husayn and the Iraqi Ba'th regime.

Addressing the deportees, President Bani-Sadr said: Your presence here is evidence against the oppressive Iraqi Ba'th regime. It is not your fault that the Iraqi regime opposes the Iranian Islamic Government and [words indistinct]. The president added: You will be transferred from this place to other better places in Iran. All the citizens will very much welcome you there. There you will lead a new life.

The president added: The deportation of Iranian citizens to Iran by Iraq is not a new thing. We are proud that we will not bargain over the oppressed Iraqi people with the Iraqi regime. He said: It would have been easy for us to bargain with the Iraqi Ba'th regime and make the Iraqi people lose hope in the revolution and the efforts being exerted to set up an Islamic government. We,however, did not do this.

President Bani-Sadr said: The Iraqi Government had no excuses to deport you. We did not take anything from Iraq nor did we carry out any act against it. The Iraqi regime is a criminal one.

He added: You have been in Iraq and you know that force, oppression and intimidation are the characteristics of this regime. Therefore, you have suffered a lot, but this can be compensated.

President Bani-Sadr added: Our regime today is different from the previous regime. Our regime is against taking any measure harming the interests and wealth of your sons. We will do our best; God willing, your sons will return to you; this regime will be overthrown and all the borders will be open among the world's countries. We must assume many difficu ties so that all the peoples can get rid of foreign hegemony.

President Bani-Sadr left the camp amidst the masses' shouts and slogans "God is great" for Ilam town. There he immediately visited the camp which has been set up to receive those who have been deported by the Iraqi Ba'th regime.

The president addressed the citizens, who rushed to receive him: You now know the concept of the Iraqi Ba'th, which lacks every human value. We had not taken any stand of enmity toward this government and we wonder why they brought you to the borders in this state. At any rate, I hope that the Iraqi people will implement your slogan and will overthrow this regime. You are now in your homeland and we will provide you with all job opportunities. Therefore, I hope that you will not be overtaken by anxiety. You will be transferred to good houses.

The PARS correspondent said that the camp residents repeated slogans in Arabic supporting the Islamic revolution and denouncing the Iraqi Ba'th regime. They said: [words indistinct]. They praised the leader of the Islamic revolution and the founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Imam Khomeyni. They also praised President Bani-Sadr.

In a statement to PARS following his inspection visit, President Bani-Sadr said that the condition of the deportees is good in Iran, and that all the deportees will be [word indistinct]. President Bani-Sadr added that the condition along the border is excellent in terms of morale and preparations. We hope that the Iraqi soldiers and NCO's will topple the Iraqi Ba'th regime.

President Bani-Sadr added: As I said in the unity meeting last Friday, the Iraqi soldier will not brandish arms in the face of the Muslim soldier and brother, and that Iran does not intend to occupy a single inch of its land. He added: The Iraqi regime is a corrupt one motivated by the United States to confront Iran.

On the Iranian Armed Forces' situation, President Bani-Sadr said that it is more good and these armed forces can defend the homeland's borders. If other troops intervene alongside the Iraqi troops on the borders--since the United States said that it would intervene in such conditions--the people will rush to support their army.

Asked under what circumstances one could benefit from the 20-million-strong army, President Bani-Sadr said: We would benefit from this army if the homeland is endangered.

Qotbzadeh To Visit Border

LD131028 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0939 GMT 13 Apr 80 LD

[Text] According to our correspondent, Sadeq Qotbzadeh, Iran's minister of foreign affairs, will visit the Iranian-Iraqi border strip tomorrow morning. Regarding the aim of this trip the minister of foreign affairs said to our correspondent: I want to observe the status quo before going to a number of Arab countries.

It should be remembered that it had been arranged for our country's minister of foreign affairs to travel to a number of Arab countries last week in order to coordinate [as heard] and also to explain the position of the government of the Islamic Republic of Iran. However, this trip was deferred owing to the U.S.-Iranian crisis.

Guards Commander on Iraqi Buildup

LD131211 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0958 GMT 13 Apr 80 LD

[Text] Abu Sharif, the commander of the Revolution Guards Corps, upon returning from the border regions, held a press conference this morning in which he described the condition of the border regions in the west country. He said: An Iraqi battalion has reinforced the [name indistinct] post in the [name indistinct] region. In addition to the reinforcement of Iraqi forces along the border, two Iraqi warships equipped with rocket launchers have been stationed in the (Umm ar-Rasas) region. Also, the warship Al-Bakr, which is Iraq's biggest warship, has sailed to the mouth of the Persian Gulf. Abu Sharif added that an Iraqi naval brigade [as heard] has been stationed at the mouth of the Persian Gulf, ready for battle.

The commander of the Guards Corps declared the area between Qasr-e Shrin and [name indistinct] as the most important region where clashes have taken place. He added that this area is the supply route through which arms and ammunition for [words indistinct] and the internal Ba'thist Iraqi mercenaries.

He said that 15 posts which had been disarmed by Salar Jaf's men in the region were recovered by the Guards Corps and that the route is under the control of the armed guards stationed there.

In conclusion, the commander of the Guards Corps said that on the basis of information received, "'Abdorrahman Qasemlu has sent a delegation to Moscow to buy arms and they want to bring arms into Iran via Czechoslovakia and Iraq. This is taking place even as United States is stationing its forces at the mouth of the Oman Sea. From the other side, the Ba'thist Iraqi regime has threatened our country."

Calls for Coup in Iraq

NC131523 Paris AFP in English 1517 GMT 13 Apr 80 NC

[Text] Tehran, April 13 (AFP)--Influential Iranian Ayatollah Mohammed Ahirazi, in a statement published here today, called on the Iraqi Army to overthrow the Baghdad government.

The appeal for insurrection in neighbouring Iraq, published in the daily ISLAMIC REPUBLIC, incited Iraqi armed forces to "March out of the barracks, open the prison gates, loot the arsenals. You are all Muslim and the army should be the army of Islam."

Ayatollah Shirazi, a close associate of the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni and a member of the council to supervise the constitution, asked: "What are you waiting for since Imam Khomeyni's instruction to overthrow the idolatrous Iraqi called Saddam Husayn" (the president).

"Does your army, which twice fought the British colonialists, now support the traitors of Baghdad?" the ayatollah asked. "Do you fear the Ba'thists, for as the Almighty said in the Koran, they are rootless twigs which we can easily blow over."

Khamene'i's Address in Kermanshah

JN131703 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1600 GMT 13 Apr 80 JN

[Text] Hojjat ol-Eslam Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i, Islamic Revolution Council member and Tehran congregational imam, spoke at a meeting of Kermanshah people today about the big powers' plots and intrigues, particularly those of U.S. imperialism, against the Islamic Revolution of Iran.

Addressing groups that have various ideologies, he said: Those who stir up wars of ideology and of nationalities in Kordestan are condemned. Those who speak in the name of the people must not exploit the gains of the Islamic Republic for their own benefit. Hojjat ol-Eslam Khamene'i wondered where they have been for the past 26 years and why they backstab today when the Islamic republic has been established by the blood and triumphed by the slogan of God is great and by adhering to the principles and rules of the holy Koran.

Hojjat ol-Eslam Khamene'i then explained the Islamic revolution's policy and said: Contrary to the action of those who send their opponents to work camps, the Islamic republic calls on those holding conflicting ideologies and tells them: If you believe in the Koran, the aim is then to make the Koran find its way in society.

Anti-Ba'th Actions in Kurdistan

LD131900 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 13 Apr 80 LD

[Text] According to a PARS NEWS AGENCY report from Urumiyeh, a spokesman for the Socialist Union Party of Iraqi Kurdistan has announced that the peshmergas of that party have sworn to avenge the expulsion of their brothers from the Iraqi Ba'th regime.

The spokesman, condemning the fascist actions of the Iraqi Ba'th regime, said that the united socialist pershmergas of Iraqi Kurdistan are continuing their fight against the Ba'th regime in most fronts of Iraqi Kurdistan at this moment and they will not stop until they have liberated Iraqi Kurdistan and the people of that country [as heard] from the claws of such traitors as Saddam Husayn.

The spokesman stated that as a result of an attack by the pershmerga of the Socialist Union Party of Iraqi Kurdistan, the building of a district office in a region which is part of Sulaimaniyah Province of Iraq was destroyed by RPG-7 and caused a lot of damage [as heard]. He added that the district police killed a satan named Mohammad Rasul during the destruction of the above-named district office; and later people staged a great protest march against Ba'thists.

Pledge To Liberate Iraq

JN131925 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1730 GMT 13 Apr 80 JN

[Text] In a dispatch from Urumiyeh, PARS cites the spokesman of the Iraqi Democratic Party of Kurdistan as saying that the pershmerga leaders have taken it upon themselves to avenge the Iraqi Ba'th Party for the oppression practiced against the brother deportees from Iraq.

The spokesman added that the peshmerga troops are continuing their struggle on all Kurdish fronts against the Iraqi Ba'th Party until Kurdistan of Iraq and all Iraq are liberated from Saddam Husayn's clique.

Commentary on Afghan-Iraqi Relations

LD131948 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1719 GMT 13 Apr 80 LD

[Unattributed Commentary]

[Text] According to TASS, Shah Mohammad Dost, the Afghan foreign affairs minister, today met with Iraqi President Saddam Husayn in Baghdad. According to the report, the current developments in the region were discussed and views were exchanged at the meeting.

The report of the meeting between the Afghan foreign minister and Saddam Husayn, which will perhaps never be a subject of denial because TASS has reported it, clarifies many issues, including the reaffirmation of the Iranian ambassador's discussions in Moscow and the warning that Mr Mokri delivered to the Russians on refraining from selling arms to Saddam Husayn.

Mr Shah Mohammad Dost, the Afghan foreign minister, who lost any hope of achieving support from countries of the world and of attempting to legitimize the occupation of Afghanistan by the Soviet Union during all his distant journeys--having even failed to obtain a single non-Soviet bloc country's recognition of the newly established Afghan regime and having been disappointed by some of the realistic socialist states, such as Romania and Yugoslavia--has finally resorted to the embrace of those who have sold themselves. He was forced to go to Saddam Husayn, who will certainly this time respond positively to Mr Shah Mohammad Dost. Needless to say, Saddam Husayn will not refrain from offering his services to the comrades in exchange for seferal tons of ammunition and several dozen armored cars and machineguns. It makes no difference to Saddam Husayn whether he kisses the white hand of Carter or the red shoulder of Brezhnev. What he is seeking is power, and power is something that can be found only in the arsenal of the superpowers.

This makes one recall our very own Mohammad Reza Khan, who subscribed to this same commendable attitude and who would bow and express servitude in any direction to the most forceful bully. It is being said of that wretched fellow that he used to go to bed with peace of mind and enjoy sweet dreams because he was confident that he had a certificate of satisfactory service from all heads of state, from Russia to Britain, from China to the United States, and that no danger was threatening him. This wishful thinker, however, had lost sight of the true superpower and never imagined that the Iranian nation, having received power from the inexhaustible might of the Almighty, would crush his head on a stone. Now is the turn of his companion-in-arms, Saddam Husayn, who is moving in precisely the same direction as the shah and who has forgotten that it is wrong not to learn from experience that has already been proved.

Call For Jihad Against Husayn

JN132007 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1805 GMT 13 Apr 80 JN

[From "Today's Iraq Searches for a Husayn" program]

[Text] Our kinfolk in wounded Iraq: You must have heard the call made by the leader of the Islamic nation, Imam Khomeyni, to you urging you to defend your insulted dignity and honor by carrying arms against the pharaoh of Baghdad, Saddam Husayn, and toppling his treacherous regime.

You must have heard this appeal which harbors love for you, the soldiers of Islam and the men of 'Ali and Husayn. This sincere appeal for Jihad came from the position of the legal responsibility Imam Khomeyni feels toward a Muslim people who are being exposed to the severest ordeal since the Tatar's invasion of Baghdad.

In urging you to revolt against the despot, Imam Khomeyni is performing his legal duty to save you from the oppression and intimidation being brought to bear on you by the tribal rancorous regime.

Our kinfolk in Iraq: Imam Khomeyni's appeal is a reflection of Imam Husayn's appeal in Karbala' and an echo of the awaited imam's call and [words indistinct]. All you have to do is to comply with his appeal and to rise to the level of the legal responsibility which you should shoulder to implement God's law against this criminal despot, Saddam [Husayn] at-Takriti. You should topple his regime which was built on the skulls of your brothers.

God will certainly aid those who aid his cause: for verily God is full of strength, exalted in light. [Koranic verse]

O defenders of houses and guards of dignity: Your response to the imam's call will give you honor and dignity, champion your oppressed brothers and topple the regime of the butchers. Saddam Husayn has threatened to execute every believer under the pretext of connection with the Ad-Da'wah al-Islamiyah Party. Saddam Husayn is seeking to annihilate every Muslim in Iraq. Seize this opportunity and roll up your sleeves to topple the despot's regime.

Our brother policemen: Give your instructions to your corps to revolt. Members of the people's army: You should regain your conscience and stop being enemies of the people in the service of the despot.

All factions and sects should unify their ranks and wipe out the pharaoh of Iraq, Saddam Husayn.

GENERAL FALLAHI INSPECTS INSTALLATIONS NEAR PERSIAN GULF

LD112121 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1930 GMT 11 Apr LD

[Excerpts] According to a PARS NEWS AGENCY report, General Fallahi, the commander of the land forces, accompanied by Abu Sharif, the commander of operations of the corps of the Revolution Guards, today visited and inspected all the installations along the Persian Gulf, down to the last border point in Kermanshan, located at Qasr-e Shirin.

According to this same report, this afternoon General Fallahi and Abu Sharif inspected border points in Musian, Dehloran and Mehran by helicopter.

AIR FORCE COMMANDER MEETS WITH BANI-SADR

LD121040 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0959 GMT 12 Apr 80 LD

[Text] According to PARS NEWS AGENCY, Major General Baqeri, commander of the air force of the Islamic Republic of Iran, met and conferred with Dr Abolhasan Bani-Sadr, our country's president. In this meeting, problems regarding the Civil Aviation Organization were discussed.

FLEET BEGINS 'LARGE-SCALE' MANEUVERS 13 APR

NC130752 Paris AFP in English 0748 GMT 13 Apr 80 NC

[Text] Tehran, 13 Apr (AFP)--The Iranian fleet today began large-scale manoeuvres expected to last for several days, to "prove its power and capability," the naval commander-in-chief, Admiral Seyyed Jamaleddin Tabataba'i, announced here.

He did not indicate if the manoeuvres would take place in the Gulf off Iran's southwest coast, or would also cover the Gulf of Oman beyond it.

If in the Gulf itself, they could be held off the Iranian port of Bandar Abbas opposite the Strait of Hormuz at the Gulf mouth, Bushehr in the central Gulf and Abadan in the North.

LATE REPORT: RED CROSS DELEGATION VISITS HOSTAGES

LD141702 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1644 GMT 14 Apr 80 LD

[Text] This afternoon a delegation consisting of Hojjat ol-Eslam Khamene'i, the Friday imam of Tehran, the representative of International Red Cross, the representative of the Red Cross in Iran and the minister of health and welfare met and talked with the hostages in the den of espionage. In his meeting with a number of hostages who are familiar with the Persian language, Hojjat ol-Eslam Khamene'i asked about their health and condition. All of them expressed full satisfaction with the behavior of the Muslim students following the line of the imam.

After the meeting, Hojjat ol-Eslam Khamene'i took part in an exclusive interview with the correspondent of the Voice and Profile of the Islamic Republic of Iran and, concerning the hostages, said: I must say that before coming here I did not think the condition of the hostages would be so good.